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## Crumbs of Comfort

Economy is a great revenue.  
The sweetest pleasure is in imparting it.  
The wisest man thinks himself the least so.  
A true mark of the small mind is a servile imitation of others.

The tear down childhood's cheek that flows,  
Is like the dewdrop on the rose;  
When next the summer breeze comes by  
And waves the bush, the flower is dry.—Scott.

Enjoy present pleasures in such a way as not to injure future ones.

That only is a disgrace to a man which he has deserved to suffer.

Do you never look at yourself when you abuse another person?

He who has not the weakness of friendship has not the strength of it.

Do not consider what you may do, but what it will become you to have done.

A dream, alas, our life's a dream  
On earth below:  
Like shadows on the waves we seem,  
And thus we go. —Herder.

The most brilliant fortunes are often not worth the littleness required to gain them.

When desperate ills demand a speedy cure, distrust is cowardice and prudence is folly.

Think of the ills from which you are exempt and you will meet the others more cheerfully.

We can offer up much in the large, but to make sacrifices in little things is what we are seldom equal to.

Cruel and cold is the judgment of man.  
Cruel as winter and cold as snow,  
But by and by will the deed and the plan  
Be judged by the motive that lies below.  
—L. J. Bates.

Something of a person's character may be discovered by observing when and how he smiles. Some people never smile; they only grin.

Satiety comes of too frequent repetition, and he who will not give himself leisure to be thirsty can never find the true pleasure of drinking.

## For The Master's Use Made Meet Or Bear the Cross and Wear the Crown

By Lillian G. Copp

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"God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform."

IT was a wealthy commercial city of the South, whose site was once occupied by dark, wet cypress forests draped with Spanish moss, that called the Rev. Winston Carroll to assume charge of a vacant pastorate. A few mornings after his arrival he left the current of commercial movement, and strolled on to the huge suburb of villas, and cottages, intersected by miles of unpaved streets which led to the homes of his parishioners.

Mr. Carroll had proceeded by a short distance, when his attention was attracted by the peculiar architecture of a low cottage. Pausing to note the style more closely, the soft wind wafted through the window the heart-broken tones of a woman's voice:

"Oh, my poor darling, why did God so afflict her!"

The deep, strong, full notes of a man's voice answered:

"To prepare her for some great work. Even when God's hand is laid on us the heaviest, and we know not why, we instinctively feel that it is to perfect some plan either in our own lives, or in the lives of others that He chastens us."

"This will consecrate Ruth—set her apart to work in her Master's service."

As he listened, the words of divine command flashed through the mind of the silver-haired minister, causing him to approach the door without thought of intrusion. Dr. Heathcote briefly answered the man's earnest questions, telling him of Ruth Holman's nearly fatal accident, her brave struggle for life, which had lasted for weeks, and the discovery, three days before, of the injury to the spine, which would prevent her from ever walking. His voice was a trifle unsteady as he told of the cry of agony, followed by hours of delirium, when the girl of twenty-three realized the full significance of the simple words "never walk again."

"Will you take me in to see her?" Carroll asked, when he learned that Ruth was conscious. Dr. Heathcote hesitated. "It can do no harm, certainly, yet—" He broke off to study the elder man's face. "I will trust you," he finished abruptly.

A few minutes afterwards, Ruth caught the sound of steps outside. The door opened and the two men entered. Mr. Carroll attempted no word of greeting, but immediately snelt and offered a fervent, and heart-felt prayer that filled Ruth's soul with a wonderful peace, as the thought prevailed that crippled though she were, the years might not be wasted.

The prayer concluded, there was a reassuring pressure of the hand, and the minister's gentle, soothing voice quoted softly:

"As many as I love I rebuke and chasten."

The next instant he had left the room.

As the weeks passed into months, both the pain and the confinement became bearable. Then Ruth sought to find the way in which her life might be useful.

"Don't worry, Ruth, somewhere your work is waiting, and when you are able, it will come," Mr. Carroll one day assured her.

A few days later when Mrs. Holman told her daughter, that owing to the sudden death of his father, Dennis Waldron would have to relinquish his cherished dream of an education, Ruth quickly suggested that Dennis come to her every evening for help on the lessons for which he was unable to pay.

On Wednesday Ruth Holman's evening school, with Dennis Waldron for the sole student, began. At the end of three weeks, Dennis asked permission for one of his friends to join the class. Every week saw the school grow from its small beginnings, until at the end of six months, Ruth and two assistants were kept busy with a nightly attendance of fifty.

Then a committee waited on Ruth with the proposition that they erect a building adjoining her own home to accommodate all who cared to attend. She gratefully accepted the proposal. By September the school was ready for occupancy and fifty new pupils applied for admission.

Twenty years have passed since the day Ruth called into action the latent possibilities of her shut-in life. Not only distinguished statesmen and eloquent orators, many of them with names that are household words throughout the Union, bless Ruth for the good she has accomplished, but the poor and the unfortunate revere her for the loving charity that she has ever bestowed upon them.

Since the establishment of the school, it has been necessary to enlarge the building four times, as eighteen hundred pupils are now enrolled. Nightly they carry Ruth from her own home into the school, where she personally superintends the large corps of teachers.

The years, which have changed her hair to snowy white, have but deepened the expression of wondrous sweetness, which tells of the pure heart and great soul confined within the frail body. When Dr. Heathcote died two years ago his last words were of Ruth.

"It would have been a thousand times better had she died," they said, "he muttered half coherently. Then a flash of the old enthusiasm lighted his eyes. 'There is not a poor boy nor a crippled child in the city, but what would have been the loser.' His voice softened, as he added reverently:

"In all the mercies Thou has bestowed upon me, O God, there has been none greater than allowing me a share in saving Ruth Holman's life. Father, I thank Thee."

And the aged minister, watching by the bedside, uttered a fervent "Amen."

Although it has been the usual custom to serve alcoholic liquors to the nation's guests at the White House this custom was broken by President Lincoln and again by President Hayes, both of whom cut out the liquor during their administrations. And we would say of this custom, as Shakespeare remarked of the ceremony which usually attended the taking of a drink by the King of Denmark at the public feasts, "a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance."

The custom of dispensing liquors at the White House originated in the olden time when the use of liquor was almost universal in public and in private, when the monstrous evil of intemperance was not generally appreciated and public sentiment had not been aroused to the point of condemning even moderate drinking as dangerous in practice and vicious in example.

Until recently it was assumed, even by total abstinence advocates, that the evil of so-called moderate indulgence in alcoholic liquor consisted in the danger of the habit growing until it resulted in that degree of excess known as drunkenness. But careful and extended scientific research and experiment have recently brought to light and proved conclusively that alcohol, even in comparatively small quantities, acts as a poison when taken internally and leaves an injurious effect more or less permanent; that truly speaking, there is no such thing as moderate drinking, and that the so-called moderate drinker who takes his daily drink or two, but never becomes intoxicated, is in as much or even greater danger than the man who has his occasional drunk and goes without liquor between his sprees.

It has been demonstrated that a single ordinary drink of alcoholic liquor has a distinctly injurious effect from which the human system does not recover for some days although the victim does not feel it. It affects the liver, the kidneys, the nerves and the brain, and where the drink is taken daily there is not time enough for the system to recover between drinks and so the poisonous effect becomes continuous and cumulative.

It is an insidious process of slow poisoning which the victim does not feel or suspect until his liver, kidneys, nerves or brain break down, usually with an incurable disease.

Meantime, before the breakdown comes, the so-called moderate drinker is never fully up to par, never mentally or physically equal to what he would be if there were no trace or effect of alcohol in his system.

It seems that even the man who has his periodic drunk, if he lets liquor alone between times and the drunks do not come too often, is likely to last longer and have better health than the moderate, steady drinker, because the former gets the poison out of his system and gives it a chance to recover.

In the light of these discoveries we feel that in his address to the Sunday schools, President Taft did not do full justice to the temperance cause by characterizing total abstinence as the "safe and wiser" course; he should have urged total abstinence from the use of alcoholic liquor as a beverage as the only safe and wise course.

Like almost every other poison alcoholic liquor has some value as a medicine in some cases; but the highest medical authorities agree that its medicinal value is generally overrated and that in a large proportion of the cases in which it is taken as medicine it is positively injurious, aside from the serious risk that the patient may acquire the liquor habit.

Again we ask: Is it right that alcoholic liquors should be offered to guests at the White House? Is it not time that the custom be abolished forever? Should not public sentiment assert itself and bring about such a change? What do COMFORT readers think?

**Current Events**

**ELECTRICITY AS FUEL IN PLACE OF COAL PREDICTED.**—"The day is not far distant when the coal pile in the cellar will be replaced by the electrical reservoir of box-like shape and modeled so as to furnish heat through the entire building and also to the kitchen in residences for cooking. And this will be done economically, compared with coal, as this accumulated electricity will be stored at low cost and be on tap for use when needed. I am hopeful that this may be realized before one year from now," said C. W. Price, editor of the Electrical Review. And perhaps his prediction will come true. Who knows?

**SAFETY ON THE OCEAN.**—It is only a few decades ago, when a person who had been to Europe was looked upon as one who had taken his life in his hands when he braved the dangers of the deep. Many a person of wealth, who longed to see the treasures of the Old World, gave up that pleasure for fear of shipwreck. People are yet living who can remember that prayers were said in the churches for those about to sail for Europe. How different, things now are shown by the fact that wrecks are now few. The larger ships are as safe and steady as hotels on shore. Aside from the increasing size of the ocean greyhounds, the feeling of safety on board is due to the invention of wireless telegraphy, which in several recent instances, has brought help in time to save passengers from a sinking ship. The United States Government, realizing its importance, will in the future see that all vessels carrying more than fifty passengers are provided with wireless. Perhaps, some day we will get the talked-of railroad across Behring Strait, but until then the traveler to Europe has little to worry him.

## Is it Right to Serve Alcoholic Liquors to Guests at the White House?

VERY strong and growing public sentiment in America condemns the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage. Of this there can be no doubt. It finds expression in a nation-wide movement which has already brought about absolute prohibition in many states, county or town prohibition through local option in others, while in the rest of the states the constant tendency of legislation has been, and is in favor of closer restriction of the liquor traffic.

Long ago Congress abolished the grog ration in the navy, and more recently prohibited the sale even of ale and lager beer at the army posts.

Then why, in the face of such high legislative recognition of the pernicious effects of indulgence in even the mildest kinds of alcoholic drinks, should the President, as head of the nation and in that capacity doing the honors of hospitality to citizens and to foreign guests, dispense intoxicating liquors at public functions in the White House?

The example which a man in public life sets as to the use of liquors is a matter of public interest, and it was on this ground, we assume, that it was announced through the public press about the time of Mr. Taft's nomination for the presidency that he proposed to set an example of total abstinence.

In his recent Lincoln Day address, which was read in the Sunday schools on Sunday, February 12, his advice is that "those who exercise the self-restraint to avoid altogether the temptation of alcoholic liquor are on the safe and wiser side."

This accords with our views, only we would go a step further and take ground with the total abstinence societies in urging that the only safe course is to avoid altogether the temptation of alcoholic liquor.

Granting, as most people must, that President Taft is subserving the public welfare and promoting the cause of morality by his personal example of total abstinence and by publicly recommending that others "avoid altogether the temptation of alcoholic liquor," is it right or seemly that any President of the United States should now or henceforth set the example of placing this dangerous temptation before the people by serving alcoholic liquor at state dinners or other public functions at the White House.

## A FIGHT FOR LIFE

That is what the magazines have just been through, and have won out again,—for the present at least. Another unfair attempt to largely increase the magazine postage rate was suddenly sprung during the rush of the last part of the session of Congress which closed on the fourth of March.

Although the proposition was backed by powerful influences and the magazine publishers were not given the usual privilege of appearing and presenting their side of the matter, the attack failed, chiefly, as we believe, because Congress quickly discovered how unpopular it was.

As soon as the daily papers announced what was up and the people discovered that nothing but quick and determined action could head off the move, they bestirred themselves and Senators and Representatives were flooded with telegrams from all parts of the country vigorously protesting against raising the magazine postage rates.

The proposed new rate is so high that, if adopted, it would put some magazines entirely out of business, and even to the strongest and best established publications, such as COMFORT, it would be a serious obstacle which could be overcome only by raising their subscription rates.

This matter affects not only the publishers and their subscribers, but vitally interests many other lines of industry and involves the general business prosperity as well as the intellectual development and moral progress of the nation.

As this important question is not finally settled and will come up again in the new Congress, I shall explain it more in detail in a later number of COMFORT, so that our readers may judge for themselves and be prepared to make their influence felt on the right side.

The new Congress meets in special session on the fourth day of this present month of April.

If the magazine postage rate is raised, UP WILL GO THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE OF COMFORT, because, much as I should regret it, such a step would be necessary. I am now giving my subscribers all I can afford for the money.

Those whose subscriptions are paid a long time in advance have the advantage, of course, in case the rates are raised.

**This makes it the more important for those who found that Envelope Folder Renewal Blank wrapped inside their March COMFORT to renew their subscriptions two years for 30 cents, at once, if they have not already done so,—and there are some who have not.**

I can not promise the present low subscription or renewal rate after this month.

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# A Few Words by the Editor

**WE WISH ALL** our readers a joyous Easter. Yes,—let it be joyous for all. Let those who are blessed with abundance be thankful to Divine Providence and manifest their gratitude by deeds of kindness and acts of charity so that it may be a season of rejoicing even to the sick and the destitute. And let those who are dispirited by misfortune pluck up courage to continue the battle of life with renewed hope trusting in the promise of Him whose sufferings glorified the cross and made it for all time the symbol of resignation to God's will under affliction.

Besides our Easter Story and other special features appropriate to the season we again preach a little Easter sermon because the one which we printed last April met with such favor and we have received so many requests for another this year, especially from subscribers so situated that they are unable to attend church; and we hope it may be acceptable to all our readers, whether they belong to this church or that, for certainly everybody should be affiliated with some church.

While COMFORT is necessarily non-sectarian, because among its millions of readers all creeds and denominations are represented, it would fail in its highest duty as a family magazine if it were not in a broad sense religious, if it did not actively support Christianity and stand by the churches in their fight against ancient paganism and modern skepticism.

Ally yourself with some church and support it loyally. Live up to your own faith and don't shake the faith of Christians of other denominations by trying to convert them to yours. There is ample field for proselyting among those who are not within the influence of any church; there is where you can do some good, but whenever Christians of different denominations get to disputing over their differences of creeds they injure the cause and subject their faith to the scorn of the infidels.

The Interstate Commerce Commission which exercises the supervisory power of the federal government over the railroads has recently rendered a decision of the utmost importance to the people.

About a year ago nearly all the great railroads in the United States joined in a concerted move to raise their freight rates, but the shippers in all parts of the country entered a vigorous protest, and after a protracted hearing and thorough investigation at which it was claimed by the shippers that with honest, economical and efficient management and operation the railroads could make a fair profit at the present rates, the Interstate Commerce Commission refused to allow the proposed increase in rates.

This means a direct saving of more than fifty-six million dollars a year to the people in the cost of living and probably a much larger indirect saving, besides establishing a precedent of great value.

Railroad freight constitutes a considerable part of the cost of every article sold in the market. In most cases many freights have to be paid and added to the price before the finished product reaches the consumer. Take shoes for instance. The cattle are shipped from the western ranges to the Chicago or St. Louis stock yards to be slaughtered; then the hides are shipped to the tanners; thence the leather is shipped to the wholesalers; but the tanners have also had to pay freight on the tan bark and on all other materials used in tanning; from the wholesalers the leather is shipped to various parts of the country, largely to New England where most of the shoes are made,—lots of them

right here in Augusta and in neighboring towns and cities; then the shoes are shipped to the wholesalers and retailers in every part of the land. Of course there are also the thread, wax, oil, cloth, blacking, and metal parts and other material which enter into the manufacture of a shoe, all of which have to pay a number of freights before they reach the shoe factory. By the time these shoes get onto the feet of the people they have paid the railroads a great many freights, all of which, of course, are figured into the price which you have to pay when you buy a pair at the store.

The same rule applies to every manufactured article, and even the few commodities which reach the consumer in the raw state usually pay one freight rate or more.

Higher freight rates not only raise the price which the consumer has to pay, but when that price reaches a certain point they have a tendency to cut down the profit of the manufacturer and of the producer of the raw material.

As prices rise the market diminishes until in their upward course they get where a considerable portion of the people have to do without to a greater or less extent. The price of the goods cannot be further raised because it would so largely reduce their sale; so if at this point freight rates are raised the producer must pay the bill and stand the loss.

To illustrate: fruits, early vegetables and berries from the south and from California, and peaches and melons from Colorado and Utah have a large sale in the northern and eastern markets at a certain price which most people can afford to pay, but if the price is raised the sale drops off enormously because then only the rich can afford the luxury. Now if under these conditions the freight rates are raised the southern and western producers must pay the bill and stand the loss because they must sell their crops and the market cannot stand an advance in price.

Large sections of country west of the Mississippi complain that freight rates are as high as to absorb the greater part of the profits of farming.

The railroads claimed before the Commission that they had been obliged to raise the wages of their train men because of the increased cost of living, and that the proposed raise of freight rates was necessary to cover this increased expense of wages. But it was shown by Mr. Brandeis, the able counsel for the shippers, that such an expedient would be no permanent benefit to the railroads and would only be the beginning of an endless series of raises in freight and passenger rates, because the increase in freight rates would surely raise the prices of goods and the cost of living, which in turn would require another advance in wages of the train hands and that, of course if the railroads were right, would necessitate still another raise in freight rate. And so the round would be kept up indefinitely with each raise necessitating another until in a short time the rates would reach a figure which would paralyze the commercial, industrial and agricultural activities of the country. And as a result of increased rates the business of the railroads would naturally drop off.

Lower rates would produce a larger income by increasing business, and, as Mr. Brandeis pointed out, the railroads could save more than one hundred million dollars a year by reforming their wasteful management and inefficient methods of operation.

Obviously, the true solution of the railroad problem is as stated by Mr. Brandeis, and the Interstate Commerce Commission

sion rendered a great service to the railroads as well as to the people and the business interests by denying a further advance of freight rates.

The railroad managers predicted all kinds of calamities, including ruin of credit to the railroads and financial loss to those who had invested in railroad stocks and bonds, in case they were not permitted to raise their rates, but with the exception of a slight flurry in the stock exchange when the decision was first announced, the prices of railroad securities have not been affected, while many high financial authorities believe it is the best thing for the railroads that ever happened to them.

The so-called reciprocity treaty, which President Taft and Secretary of State Knox took the responsibility of negotiating with Canada without consulting the Senators or Representatives, seems to be like the jug handle, all on one side, the Canadian side; and that is what makes the big kick on the American side.

Reciprocity implies mutual concessions and mutual advantages; but nobody seems to be able to point out any important concessions on the part of Canada nor any advantage worth mentioning to the government or people of the United States.

True, Canada had little to give and we had much, but our President was so easy in the dicker that he failed to secure for his people certain real advantages which Canada would have been only too glad to have agreed to.

Our farmers from Maine to Texas and especially throughout the West complain indignantly that all the agricultural products of Canada are to be admitted free to compete in the American market with the products of the American farms while everything the farmer buys is made costly by a high protective tariff. The American farmer strenuously objects to having the price of his products knocked down by free Canadian grain, hay, potatoes, hogs, cattle and sheep which the Canadian farmer raises on cheaper, new land, much of which does not yet require fertilizer, while he has the further advantage of hiring his help at lower wages and pays a lower tariff on many if not most manufactured articles.

The New England fishermen make the same complaint as to admitting Canadian fresh fish free of duty.

President Taft Replies in substance, that the American farmers and fishermen ought patriotically to submit to these losses through free Canadian competition in the interest of the great American public, because, as he claims, the cost of living will thus be reduced.

How can the consumer profit by it?

The duty is taken off from grain but not from flour. This beats down the American farmer while it gives to the American millers the double advantage of cheap Canadian wheat and a tariff-protected monopoly of the American flour market. Are the people likely to get cheaper flour?

Is it not more likely that the flour trust will make the profit which the American farmer loses?

The same with the meat trust. Canadian live stock is to be admitted free while the tariff on dressed and canned meats is retained for the benefit of the trust.

The fish trust, as it is claimed by the fishermen, will gain a similar advantage if the treaty is ratified by Congress.

The New England States are hard hit on all their agricultural products and on their extensive sea fisheries in which they have millions of dollars invested and thousands of men employed. The one thing which Canada has that New England most needs is cheap coal, but the treaty retains the duty on Canadian coal and leaves us the tender mercy of the great American coal trust.

This treaty has been passed by the House of Representatives, but the Senate demanded more time to consider so important a measure, and so the President has called an extra session of Congress to assemble on the fourth of April for that purpose.

Study this subject carefully, for it affects and should interest everybody.

Comfort's Editor

## COMFORT'S EASTER SERMON

### Christ is Risen and Dwells with Us

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Matthew XI, 5.

All over Christendom the Easter bells ring out, and in their glad cadence which follows the sun around the Earth is the tone of hope and faith borne on to victory; with most impressive services and grandest anthems chanted the Church acclaims to the world "Christ is risen!"

In the heavy peals of the bells we seem to hear the reverberation of the thunder which rent the sky as "the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone from the door" of the holy sepulcher, and as year after year through the centuries Christians of all denominations in reverent exaltation repeat the angel's announcement of the first Easter morning that "Jesus is risen," humanity becomes more deeply impressed and moved by the life and teachings of the Saviour.

In spite of the arguments of learned infidels with their hopeless, helpless, soulless new religions based on science, the risen Lord has more true followers and His spirit exerts a greater influence not only on the faith but on the daily life of humanity than ever before.

The numerous appearances of the living Christ bearing upon His body the crucifixion wounds, as recorded in the gospel, were necessary to overcome the doubts of His own disciples, and as He said to Thomas, who was not the only doubting disciple "because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." And this blessing rests on the Christians of today whose faith is such as not to require that Jesus in flesh and blood should walk among them, for His spirit dwells in their hearts and has become such a vitalizing force that they show their faith, not merely by lip service but by their works, in following His example in deeds of charity.

John the Baptist, while he was in prison, heard of the works of Jesus and sent two of his own disciples to find out what it meant. John's messengers went to Jesus and asked, "Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" Christ left the answer to John's own judgment as He replied, "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

Such were the evidences which Jesus chose to prove His divine mission to John.

While He preached the gospel to the poor He was healing their sick ones and relieving their distress.

At that time there was not a hospital, orphan asylum or any other charitable institution in the world. Such a thing as public charity was unknown, unthought of, unimaginable.

Under the influence of Christianity how changed?

The Christian world is full of charitable organizations today.

The blind see. Yes, the spirit of Jesus walks abroad in this. By applying the discoveries of science, sight is restored to many of the blind and many others are prevented from becoming blind, while we have innumerable hospitals in which the eyes of the poor receive free medical and surgical treatment by the most skillful practitioners, and for the incurables intellectual sight is provided in the asylums and schools for the care and education of the blind.

The lame walk. The wonderful triumphs of surgery in restoring to cripples the use of their injured limbs are so common as no longer to cause remark, and the spirit of Jesus is working in every hospital and infirmary which ministers freely to the crippled poor.

The deaf hear. Yes, and the dumb talk, for the spirit of Christ has moved men to found hospitals for their relief and cure when possible, and schools to teach the incurables to talk and read and write, and to understand by the motion of the lips the speech of others which they cannot hear.

Do not be misled by the scoffers who may say that these are but the miracles of modern science.

They are indeed miraculous as compared with the achievements of man in olden times. But how has it all come about? It is the working of that spirit of philanthropy taught by Jesus which has inspired thousands to devote their lives to the relief of human suffering and has impelled others to give their wealth to promote the investigation of every branch of science, not for selfish ends but in the true spirit of Christ for the benefit of mankind. Thus only has the sum of human knowledge been enlarged to such proportions. Thus some of the worst diseases, formerly believed incurable, have been overcome in recent years, and it is to these charitable institutions of scientific research with millions at their command that the greatest authorities now confidently look for the discovery of a specific cure or preventive of every ailment that afflicts humanity.

The dead are raised up. Not the physically dead, for science has not progressed thus far nor is that its aim. But philanthropy goes out and raises up dead manhood and dead womanhood, and in the rescue work of our institutions for the uplifting of the morally weak we breathe life and hope into their buried faith.

The poor have the gospel preached to them. And in

proof that the preaching is heartfelt and sincere, that the brotherhood of man which Jesus taught and which the Church professes is not an empty formula and idle creed the world has grandly begun the work of abolishing poverty. Is there a cry of distress that does not touch some Christ ruled heart? Is there a famine anywhere that is unrelieved? Is not selfishness becoming hated of men? Are there not every year more victories for justice, better protection of the weak against the strong, and a growing disposition to give those who toil a larger share of the good things of life?

How wonderful has been the advancement of man since the time of the Caesars! thanks to nineteen hundred years of Christ who has risen to live again and forever more in the hearts of men. What if socialism claims credit in part? So do many other human agencies, and I care not what you call them or what they are, for whatever of good they possess is but the reflection of that justice and mercy which shines from the Cross.

It now seems probable that the spirit of Christ will soon have a grand manifestation in the councils of the nations through the establishment of universal and perpetual peace, fulfilling the prophecy of "peace on earth" with which the angels hailed the birth of Jesus.

War has been the greatest curse of humanity and the worst disgrace of the Christian nations; its destructive and demoralizing effect has been the heaviest drag in retarding the progress of civilization and the advancement of Christianity.

Europe is an armed camp, and so great have her armies and navies grown that even in time of peace her people are taxed to the verge of starvation to support them, and when with the establishment of universal peace, they are abolished it will be the greatest relief to the poor. When this last inestimable blessing is secured the world will thank God and with one accord acclaim, Christ is indeed risen and His spirit rules the world.

"Each breeze that sweeps the ocean  
Brings tidings from afar,  
Of nations in commotion,  
Prepared for Zion's war."

Year after year so long as the world stands, Easter Sunday will be celebrated with more fervent zeal and higher, holier devotion till Jesus shall be enshrined in every heart and become the ruling influence in every life.

"O what a night was that which wrapt  
The heathen world in gloom!  
O what a sun, which broke, this day,  
Triumphant from the tomb!"

"This day be grateful homage paid,  
And loud hosannas sung;  
Let gladness dwell in every heart,  
And praise on every tongue."



# DAVID HARUM

## A Story of American Life

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### SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

David Harum, the shrewd country banker and horse trader of Homeville, N. Y., began life friendless, poor and despised. With the scantiest rudiments of education, by industry, energy and natural ability he made his way in the world unaided and when past middle age, as the story opens, had accumulated a handsome property. He is a widower and his widowed sister Mrs. Bixbee, known as "Aunt Polly," makes her home with him. His unique wit and cunning are displayed in the famous horse trade, so humorously told in the first two chapters, in which he worships the deacon and even up an old score.

John Lenox, a young New Yorker, reared in luxury, while his father lived was liberally supplied with money to indulge his somewhat erratic inclinations. After two years in college followed by a year and a half in business he had spent two years in Europe; on his way home he finds as passengers on the steamer Julius Carling, Mrs. Carling and her sister, Miss Mary Blake, his boyhood sweetheart, and renews his acquaintance. Mr. Carling, a sufferer from nervous prostration, is a great care to the ladies, and Lenox wins their good graces by entertaining their patient and giving them an opportunity to rest.

The following winter John makes his home with his father and divides his time between studying law and courting Miss Blake at the Carling home where he is heartily welcomed by all the family. By springtime Mr. Carling's health requires more travel, and his wife and Miss Blake are to accompany him. Lenox determines to propose to Miss Blake before her departure, but is prevented from calling by the suicide of his father; so he writes her a note and she writes him in reply, but he never receives her note because Jackie Carling puts it in his pocket and forgets to mail it. Thus their correspondence ends, each supposing the other does not care to continue it.

John discovers that his father's suicide was caused by the loss of almost all his property. Thus compelled to earn his living John goes to work as clerk for David Harum on recommendation of Gen. Woolsey. To add to the depression caused by his recent misfortune John finds his new surroundings in the little village of Homeville anything but prepossessing; he has no acquaintance in the town and the people whom he first meets are uncongenial; at the Eagle Hotel his room is uncomfortable and the board is execrable; Timson, who has been discharged for incompetency from the position which Lenox is to fill, tries to give him a bad impression of his employer and magnifies the labor and difficulty of the duties required of him; but John meets the disheartening situation manfully and does his level best to make good. By diligent application he soon masters the details of the business which he finds less difficult than he had anticipated. Meantime he learns that in some quarters Mr. Harum has the reputation of being hard and unscrupulous in business, and some transactions which look suspicious and others which indicate a kind heart, come under his personal observation. Lenox and Harum are watching and studying each other attentively.

To test Lenox's honesty Harum offers to help him pass a couple of counterfeit bills which the young man had unsuspectingly taken as good money; Harum is pleased at Lenox's indignant refusal, but the latter, taking the proposition seriously, forms a poor opinion of his employer. The day but one before Christmas Harum instructs Lenox to notify the Widow Cullom from the position which Lenox is to fill, tries to give him a bad impression of his employer and magnifies the labor and difficulty of the duties required of him; but John meets the disheartening situation manfully and does his level best to make good. By diligent application he soon masters the details of the business which he finds less difficult than he had anticipated. Meantime he learns that in some quarters Mr. Harum has the reputation of being hard and unscrupulous in business, and some transactions which look suspicious and others which indicate a kind heart, come under his personal observation. Lenox and Harum are watching and studying each other attentively.

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### CHAPTER XX.

THE widow was looking at David with shining eyes and devouring his words. All the years of trouble and sorrow and privation were wiped out, and she was back in the days of her girlhood. Ah, yes, how well she remembered him as he looked that day—so handsome, so splendidly dressed, so debonaire; and how proud she had been to sit by his side that night, observed and envied of all the village girls.

"I ain't goin' to go over the bull show," proceeded David, "well, I remember it. The didn't nothin' git away from me that afternoon, an' once I come near to stickin' a piece o' gingerbread into my ear 'stid o' my mouth. I had my tent-piece that Billy P. give me, but he wouldn't let me buy nothin'; an' when the gingerbread man come along he says, 'Air ye hungry, Dave?' (I'd told him my name). 'Air ye hungry, Wa'al, I was a growin' boy, an' I was hungry putty much all the time. He bought two big squares an' gin me one, an' when I'd swallowed it, he says, 'Guess you better tackle this one too,' he says; 'I've dined.' I didn't exactly know what 'dined' meant, but—he, he, he—I tackled it," and David smacked his lips in memory.

"Wa'al," he went on, "we done the hull programmy: gingerbread, lemonade—pink lemonade, an' he took some o' that—popcorn, peanuts, peppermint candy, cin'mun candy—scat my—! an' he payin' fer ev'rythin'; I thought he was jes' made o' money! An' I remember how we talked



"WA'AL," HE WENT ON, "WE DID THE HULL PROGRAMMY."

about all the doin's; the ridin', an' jumpin', an' summersettin', an' all—fer he—! an' got all the shyness out of me fer the time—an' once I looked up at him, an' he looked down at me with that curious look in his eyes an' put his hand on my shoulder. Wa'al, now, I tell ye, I had a

queer, crinkly feelin' go up an' down my back, an' I like to up an' cried. "I kin see you two as if you was settin' there front of me. He was alwus like that. Oh, my! Oh, my! David," she added solemnly, while two tears rolled slowly down her wrinkled face, "we lived together, husband an' wife, fer seven year, an' he never give me a cross word."

"I don't doubt it a mossel," said David simply, leaning over and poking the fire, which operation kept his face out of her sight and was prolonged rather unduly. Finally he straightened up, and blowing his nose as if it were a trumpet, said:

"Wa'al, the cirks finely come to an end, an' the crowd hustled to git out 's if they was afraid the tent'd come down on 'em. I got kind o' mixed up in 'em, an' somebody tried to git my tin pail, or I thought he did, an' the upshot was that I lost sight o' Billy P. an' couldn't make out to ketch a glimpse of him nowhere. An' then I kind o' come down to earth, ker-chug! It was five o'clock, an' I had better'n four mile



HE PUT HIS HAND INTO THE BREAST POCKET OF HIS COAT AND TOOK OUT THREE PAPERS.

to walk, mostly up hill, an' if I knowed anything about the old man—an' I thought I did—I had the all-fired likin' ahead of me 't I'd ever got, an' that was sayin' a good deal. But, boy 's I was, I had grit enough to allow 'twas wuth it, an' off I put."

"Did he lick ye much?" asked Mrs. Cullom anxiously.

"Wa'al," replied David, "he done his best. He was layin' fer me when I struck the front gate—I knowed it wa'n't as use to try the back door—an' he took me by the ear—most pulled it off—an' marched me off to the barn shed without a word. I never seen him so mad. Seemed like he couldn't speak fer a while, but finely he says, 'Where you ben all day?'

"Down 't the village," I says.

"What you ben up to down there?" he says.

"Went to the cirks," I says, thinkin' I might 's well make a clean breast on't.

"Where'd you git the money?" he says.

"Mr. Cullom took me," I says.

"You lie!" he says. "You stole the money somewhere, an' I'll trounce it out of ye, if I kill ye!"

"Wa'al," said David, twisting his shoulders in recollection, "I won't harper up your feelin's. 'S I told you, he done his best. I was willin' to quit long fore he was. Fact was, he overdone it a little, an' he had to throw water in my face fore he got through; an' he done that as thorough as the other thing. I was somethin' like a chicken jest out o' the clstern. I crawled off to bed the best I could, but I didn't lay on my back fer a good spell, I c'n tell ye."

"You poor little critter!" exclaimed Mrs. Cullom sympathetically. "You poor little critter!"

"Twas more'n wuth it, Mis' Cullom," said David emphatically. "I'd had the most enjoy'ble day, I might say the only enjoy'ble day, 't I'd ever had in my hull life, an' I ain't never forgot it. I got over the likin' in course of time, but I've ben enjoyin' that cirks fer forty year. The wa'n't but one thing to hender, an' that's this: that I hain't never ben able to remember—an' to this day I lay awake nights tryin' to—that I said 'Thank ye' to Billy P., an' I never seen him after that day."

"How's that?" asked Mrs. Cullom.

"Wa'al," was the reply, "that day was the turnin' point with me. The next night I lit out with what duds I c'd git together, an' as much grub 's I could pack in that tin pail; an' the next time I see the old house on Buxton Hill the hard ben no Harums in it fer years."

Here David rose from his chair, yawned and stretched himself, and stood with his back to the fire. The widow looked up anxiously into his face. "Is that all?" she asked after a while.

"Wa'al, it is an' it ain't. I've got through yarnin' about Dave Harum, at any rate, an' mebbe we'd better have a little confab on your matters, seel'n 't I've got you 'way up here such a mornin' 's this. I gen'ally do bus'nis fust an' talkin' afterward," he added, "but I kind o' got to goin' an' kept on this time."

He put his hand into the breast pocket of his coat and took out three papers, which he shuffled in review as if to verify their identity, and then held them in one hand, tapping them softly upon the palm of the other, as if at a loss how to begin. The widow sat with her eyes fastened upon the papers, trembling with nervous apprehension. Presently he broke the silence.

"About this here morgige o' yourn," he said, "I sent ye word that I wanted to close the matter up, an' seel'n 't you're here an' come fer that purpose, I guess we'd better make a job on't. The ain't no time like the present, as the sayin' is."

"I s'pose it'll hev to be as you say," said the widow in a shaking voice.

"Mis' Cullom," said David solemnly, "you know, an' I know, that I've got the reputation of bein' a hard, graspin', schemin' man. Mebbe I be. Mebbe I've ben hard done by all my hull life, an' have had to be; an' mebbe, now 't I've got ahead some, it's got to be second nature, an' I can't seem to help it. 'Bus'nis is bus'nis' ain't part of the golden rule, I allow, but the way it gen'ally runs, fur 's I've found out, is, 'Do unto the other feller the way he'd like to do unto you, an' do it fust.' But if you want to keep this thing a-runnin' as it's goin' on now fer a spell longer, say one year, or two, or even three, you may, only I've got somethin' to say to ye fore ye elect."

"Wa'al," said the poor woman, "I expect it'd only be pillin' up wrath agin the day o' wrath. I can't pay the int'r'ist now without starvin', an' I hain't got no one to bid in the prop'ty fer me if it was to be sold."

"Mis' Cullom," said David, "I said I'd got somethin' more to tell ye, an' if, when I git through, you don't think I've treated you right, includin' this mornin's confab, I hope you'll fer-

give me. It's this, an' I'm the only person livin' that's knowin' to it, an' in fact I may say that I'm the only person that ever was really knowin' to it. It was before you was married, an' I'm sure he never told ye, fer I don't doubt he fer-got all about it, but your husband, Billy P. Cullom, that was, made a small investment once on a time—yes, ma'am, he did—an' in his kind of careless way it jes' slipped his mind. The amount of cap'tal he put in wa'n't large, but the rate of int'r'ist was uncommon high. Now, he never drew no dividends on 't, an' they've ben 'cumulatin' fer forty year, more or less, at compound int'r'ist."

The widow started forward as if to rise from her seat. David put his hand out gently and said, "Jest a minute, Mis' Cullom, jest a minute, till I git through. Part o' that cap'tal," he resumed, "consistin' of a quarter an' some odd cents, was invested in the cirks bus'nis, an' the rest on't—the cap'tal, an' all the cash cap'tal that I started in bus'nis with—was the ten cents your husband give me that day, an' here," said David, striking the papers in his left hand with the back of his right, "here is the dividends! This here second morgige, not bein' on record, may jest as well go onto the fire—it's gettin' low—an' here's a satisfaction piece, which I'm goin' to execute now, that'll clear the thousan' dollar one. Come in here, John," he called out.

The widow stared at David for a moment speechless, but as the significance of his words dawned upon her the blood flushed darkly in her face. She sprang to her feet and, throwing up her arms, cried out: "My Lord! My Lord! Dave! Dave Harum! Is it true?—tell me it's true! You ain't foolin' me, air ye, Dave? You wouldn't fool a poor old woman that never done ye no harm, nor said a mean word agin ye, would ye? Is it true, an' is my place clear? an' I don't owe nobody nothin'—I mean, no money? Tell it agin! Oh, Dave! it's too good to be true! Oh, oh! Oh, my! an' here I be cryin' like a great baby, an' an'—fumbling in her pocket—"I do believe I hain't got no hank'chif. Oh, thank ye," to John; "I'll do it up an' send it back to-morrer. Oh, what made ye do it, Dave?"

"Set right down an' take it easy, Mis' Cullom," said Dave soothingly, putting his hands on her shoulders and gently pushing her back into her chair. "Set right down an' take it easy. Yes," to John, "I acknowledge that I signed that."

He turned to the widow, who sat wiping her eyes with John's handkerchief.

"Yes, ma'am," he said, "it's as true as anythin' kin be. I wouldn't no more fool ye—ye know I wouldn't, don't ye?—than I'd jerk a hoss," he asseverated. "Your place is clear now, an' by this time to-morrer 't won't be the scratch of a pen agin it. I'll send the satisfaction over fer record fust thing in the mornin'."

"But, Dave," protested the widow, "I s'pose ye know what you're doin'?"

"Yes," he interposed, "I callate I do, putty near. You ast me why I done it, an' I'll tell ye if ye want to know. I'm payin' off an old score, an' gettin' off cheap, too. That's what I'm doin'! I thought I'd hinted up to it putty plain, seel'n 't I've talked till my jaws ache; but I'll sum it up to ye if you like."

He stood with his feet aggressively wide apart, one hand in his trousers pocket, and holding in the other the "morgige," which he waved from time to time in emphasis.

"You c'n estimate, I reckon," he began, "what kind of a bringin' up I had, an' what a poor, miserable, God-forsaken, scairt-to-death little forlorn critter I was—put upon, an' snubbed, an' jawed at till I'd come to believe myself—what was rubbed into me the hull time—that I was the most all-round no-account animal that was ever made out o' dust, an' wa'n't ever likely to be no different. Lookin' back, it seems to me that—exceptin' o' Polly—I never had a kind word said to me, nor a day's fun. Your husband, Billy P. Cullom, was the fust man that ever treated me human up to that time. He give me the only enjoy'ble time 't I'd ever had, an' I don't know 't anythin' 's ever equaled it since. He spent money on me, an' he give me money to spend—that had never had a cent to call my own; an' Mis' Cullom, he took me by the hand an' he gin me the fust notion 't I'd ever had, that mebbe I wa'n't only the scum o' the earth, as I'd ben taught to believe. I told ye that that day was the turnin' point of my life. Wa'al, it wa'n't the likin' I got, though that had somethin' to do with it, but I'd never have had the spunk to run away 's I did if it hadn't ben fer the heartenin' Billy P. gin me, an' never knowed it—an' never knowed it," he repeated mournfully. "I alwus allowed to pay some o' that debt back to him, but seel'n 's I can't do that, Mis' Cullom, I'm glad an' thankful to pay it to his widow."

"Mebbe he knows, Dave," said Mrs. Cullom softly.

"Mebbe he does," assented David in a low voice.

Neither spoke for a time, and then the widow said: "David, I can't thank ye 's I ought fer—I don't know how—but I'll pray for ye night an' mornin' 's long 's I got breath. An' Dave," she added humbly, "I want to take back what I said about the Lord's providin'."

She sat a moment, lost in her thoughts, and then exclaimed, "Oh, it don't seem 's if I c'd wait to write to Charley!"

"I've wrote to Charley," said David, "an' told him to sell out there an' come home, an' to draw on me fer any balance he needed to move him. I've got somethin' in my eye that'll be easier an' better payin' than fightin' grasshoppers an' drought in Kansas."

"Dave Harum!" cried the widow, rising to her feet. "You ought to 'a' ben a king!"

"Wa'al," said David, with a grin, "I don't know much about the kingin' bus'nis, but I guess a cloth cap 'n a hoss-whip's more 'n my line than a crown an' scepter. An' now," he added, "we've got through 't'n our bus'nis, s'pose you step over to the house an' see Polly. She's expectin' ye to dinner. Oh, yes," replying to the look of deprecation in her face as she viewed her shabby frock, "you an' Polly c'n prink up some if you want to, but we can't take 'No' fer an answer Chris'mus day, clo'es or no clo'es."

"I'd really like ter," said Mrs. Cullom.

"All right, then," said David cheerfully. "The path is swep' by this time, I guess, an' I'll see ye later. Oh, by the way," he exclaimed, "the's somethin' I forgot. I want to make you a prop-

osition—rather an unusual one, but seel'n 's 'ev'rythin' is as 't is, perhaps you'll consider it."

"Dave," declared the widow, "if I could, an' you ast for it, I'd give ye anythin' on the face o' this mortal globe!"

"Wa'al," said David, nodding and smiling, "I thought that mebbe, long 's you got the int'r'ist of that investment we ben talkin' about, you'd let me keep what's left of the princ'pal. Would ye like to see it?"

Mrs. Cullom looked at him with a puzzled expression without replying.

David took from his pocket a large wallet, secured by a strap, and, opening it, extracted something enveloped in much-faded brown paper. Unfolding this, he displayed upon his broad, fat palm an old silver dime black with age.

"There's the cap'tal," he said.

### CHAPTER XXI.

John walked to the front door with Mrs. Cullom, but she declined with such evident sincerity his offer to carry her bundle to the house that he let her out of the office and returned to the back room. David was sitting before the fire, leaning back in his chair, with his hands thrust deep in his trousers pockets. He looked up as John entered, and said, "Draw up a chair."

John brought a chair and stood by the side of it while he said, "I want to thank you for the Christmas remembrance, which pleased and touched me very deeply; and," he added diffidently, "I want to say how mortified I am—in fact, I want to apologize for—"

"Regrettin'?" interrupted David, with a motion of his hand toward the chair and a smile of great amusement. "Sho, sho! Se' down, se' down. I'm glad you found somethin' in your stockin', if it pleased ye; an' as fur 's that regret o' yourn was concerned—wa'al—wa'al, I liked ye all the better fer it, I did fer a fact. He, he, he! Appearances was rather agin me, wa'n't they, the way I told it?"

"Nevertheless," said John, seating himself. "I ought not to have—that is to say, I ought to have known—"

"How could ye?" David broke in, "when I as good as told ye I was callatin' to rob the old lady? He, he, he, he! Seated my—I your face was a piker when I told ye to write that note, though I reckon you didn't know I noticed it."

John laughed and said, "You have been very generous all through, Mr. Harum."

"Nothin' to brag on," he replied, "nothin' to brag on. Fur 's Mis' Cullom's matter was concerned, 't was as I said, jes' payin' off an old score; an' as fur 's your stockin', it's really putty much the same. I'll allow you've earned it, if it'll set any easier on your stomach."

"I can't say that I have ben overworked," said John, with a slight laugh.

"Mebbe not," rejoined David, "but you hain't ben overpaid neither, an' I want ye to be satisfied. Fact is," he continued, "my gettin' you up here was putty considerable of an experiment; but I ben watchin' ye putty close, an' I'm more'n satisfied. Mebbe Timson c'd beat ye at figurin' an' countin' money when you fust come, an' knowed more about the pertic'lar p'int of the office, but outside of that he was the biggest dumb-head I ever see, an' you know how he lef' things. He hadn't no tack, fer one thing. Outside of summin' up figures an' countin' money, he had a faculty fer gettin' things t'other end to that beat all. I'd tell him a thing, an' he'd explain it to him two three times over, an' he'd say, 'Yes, yes, an', scat my—I when it came to carryin' on't he hadn't sensed it a mite—jes' got it which end t'other. An' talk! Wa'al, I think it must 'a' ben a kind of disease with him. He really didn't mean no harm, mebbe, but he couldn't no more help lettin' out anythin' he knowed, or thought he knowed, than a settin' hen c'n help settin'."

He kept me on tenter-hooks the hull endurin' time."

"I should say he was honest enough, was he not?" said John.

"Oh, yes," replied David, with a touch of

scorn, "he was honest enough, fur's money matters was concerned; but he hadn't no tack, nor no sense, an' many a time he done more mischief with his glibble-gabble than if he'd took fifty dollars out an' out. Fact is," said David, "the kind of honesty that won't actually steal 's a kind of fool honesty that's common enough; but the kind that keeps a feller's mouth shut when he hadn't ought to talk 's about the surest thing goin'. I'll jes' tell ye, fer example, the last mess he made. You know Purse, that keeps the gen'ral store? Wa'al, he come to me some months ago, o' the quiet, an' said that he wanted to borro' five hundred. He didn't want to git no indorser, but he'd show me his books an' give me a statement an' a chattel morgige fer six months. He didn't want nobody to know 't he was anyway pushed fer money, because he wanted to git some extensions, an' so on. I made up my mind it was all right, an' I done it. Wa'al, about a month or so after, he come to me with tears in his eyes, as ye might say, an' says, 'I got somethin' I want to show ye, an' handed out a letter from the house in New York he had some of his biggest dealin's with, tellin' him that they regretted—here David gave John a nudge—'that they couldn't give him the extensions he ast for, an' that his paper must be paid as it fell due—some twelve hundred dollars. 'Somebody's leaked,' he says, 'an' they've heard of that morgige, an' I'm in a putty scrape,' he says."

"H'm'm," I says, "what makes ye think so?"

"Can't be nothin' else," he says; 'I've dealt with them people fer years an' never ast fer nothin' but what I got it, an' now to have 'em round up on me like this, it can't be nothin' but what they've got wind o' that chattel morgige,' he says."

"H'm'm," I says, "Any o' their people ben up here lately?" I says.

"That's jest it," he says. "One o' their travelin' men was up here last week, an' he come in in the afternoon, as chipper as you please, wantin' to sell me a bill o' goods, an' I put him off, sayin' that I had a putty big stock, an' so on, an' he said he'd see me agin in the mornin'—you know that sort of talk, he says."

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Always give your correct and full name and address, very plainly written; otherwise your letter will receive no attention.

Address all letters for this department to Mrs. WHEELER WILKINSON, Care COMFORT, AUGUSTA, MAINE.

**A**PRIL seventeenth is Easter Sunday, and to us here in the North it heralds the coming of spring. You sisters who live in the Sunny South where the flowers bloom and the birds sing all winter long cannot appreciate the pleasure with which we hail the return of spring.

In April the birds come back to us decked in their gayest plumage and singing their sweetest love-songs, for it is their mating season. First the robin and blue-bird, then trailing along through the month comes the rest of our feathered songsters.

The snow which has covered sleeping nature and protected vegetation through the long winter disappears this month, but before it goes the first sign of reviving vegetation shows in the starting sap of the sugar maples. This sap when handled in considerable quantities is put into vats and made into maple syrup by boiling out a certain per cent. of the water, and the sugar is produced by still more boiling. No foreign substance is ever added to pure maple products, the flavor of which is unsurpassed.

Often before the snow is entirely gone the trailing arbutus, commonly called the May-flower, appears in all its loveliness. This flower only grows in the North lands and first appears on the sunny slopes and forest edges. The first day of May, called May-day, is observed in our public schools as a holiday and weather permitting the classes are formed into large parties and with lunch baskets in hand go in search of the May-flower which is usually gone by the second week of May.

Very expressive of this hopeful and loveliest season are these few verses written by the Maine poet Longfellow before the age of nineteen years:

"When the warm sun, that brings  
Seed-time and harvest, has returned again,  
'Tis sweet to visit the still wood, where springs  
The first flower of the plain.

"From the earth's loosened mould  
The sapling draws its sustenance, and thrives;  
Though stricken to the heart with winter's cold,  
The drooping tree revives.

"Sweet April! many a thought  
Is wedded unto thee, as hearts are wed;  
Nor shall they fall, till, to the autumn brought,  
Life's golden fruit is shed."—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

This department of COMFORT so ably conducted by Mrs. Wilkinson is well worth the price of a year's subscription to the entire paper! I so often hear my friends say (and I can thoroughly agree with them) that no one else could add such timely remarks to certain letters, or give so many helpful recipes (her own) as our Mrs. Wilkinson! Here's to her: May long life, health, happiness and an eternal reward be hers! I am not an enrolled subscriber to this paper for this reason: Two members of the family were already receiving it; instead of having it sent to my name I had it sent to four different friends as Christmas presents. I have heard from two of the four and would like to know if the paper reached the other two: Tera Boone, Sontag, Miss.; and Marguerite Sullivan, Sturgis, Miss.

Tonsillitis was cured for me by a simple remedy which I want every sufferer thus afflicted to keep in mind: Make a tea of golden rod leaves and use as an inside throat wash, gargling it frequently during the day and spitting up any whitish mucus this gargling cuts loose, though do not be afraid of swallowing the tea. This proved a sure cure for my case which was a hard one and the old lady who told it to me said it had proven itself many times.

Today is Friday, 20th, and our garden—right here in town—is bounteous in large cukes, mustard, turnips, radishes, lettuce and shallot onions. Living here one can always have green vegetables, as only one freeze have we had this winter and then we protected our garden by simply placing sacks over them, ordinary feed sacks, empty.

We live only a half block from one of the city schools, near churches and only some seven blocks from the site of the Union Station which Laurel is sure to soon have. We have our cows, chickens, ducks and pigs. Does that sound like living "right in town" with folks on either side of you, before you and behind you? Well, Laurel people are "live and let live" people, with already eight thousand and four hundred and sixty-eight population and many industries. We are doing much to make our town even more desirable than it already is. We have one of the largest lumber plants here in the South, owned by big-hearted, generous men who go under the firm name of Eastman Gardiner & Co. Many of them are from Iowa and other Northern states. There are several other lumber mills here, also Mississippi's largest cotton mills employing hundreds of men, women, boys and girls, a wagon factory, sash and door factory and many other industries. No man need go without work here and living is cheap even if he does not grow it in his own yard or garden, for he gets it cheap at the markets. We have three railroads and on the direct road to New Orleans, La. one hundred and ten miles, and on another direct road to Gulfport, Miss., on the Gulf of Mexico, just one hundred miles from here. Thank you, Mrs. Wilkinson. Best wishes to all.  
PEARL WEBB, Laurel, Box 181, Miss.

Miss Webb. Your very kind words and good wishes are helpful and encouraging and I thank you heartily.

The fascinating description of your sunny climate makes me wish I were there, for we are still shivering here in the North. But I must not let this pass without a word of praise for there is much that is enjoyable for those accustomed to a cold climate. Usually up to Thanksgiving

time we have crisp, invigorating weather which we never call cold. Then the ground freezes and as the roads wear, together with the dying vegetation, we often get a few weeks of dust and so welcome the snow which will cover and make everything clean and beautiful.

I wish I had the language in which to describe the appearance of the houses, fences, trees and shrubs after a day and night of damp, quiet snowfall, followed by a sudden rise in temperature which freezes this on. With this change in temperature the wind swings into the northwest, the weather "fairs" and the sun shines on this splendid spectacle, making all nature magnificent in her shimmering robe of white. No artist could do this picture justice.

The generous loyalty which you show toward your townspeople is very pleasing and I feel certain that you are blessed with an uplifting nature.—Ed.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I see so many nice letters from Washington and Montana that I just really make me homesick to go there. We live way up in northern Minnesota where the winters are very long and cold. We now have eighteen inches of snow (Feb. 9th) and haven't seen the old mother earth since last November.

Land can be bought here very cheaply and when one wants to sell of course the buyer expects to get it the same way. Will say that I am a lover of the farm. With the cows, horses and poultry I like to make friends; in fact with everything on the farm.

I have a fine flock of chickens and have taken my eleven-year-old boy as a partner in raising poultry and he has had the care of them all winter.

I believe in giving the children something to do that will please them. Last year I gave all three of them a little piece of ground and they all tried to have the best garden, and this year I shall do the same for I think it broadens their minds and they don't have so much time to think about leaving the farm. Really I think the farm is a good place to rear good boys.

I would like so much to hear from some of the sisters living in the West.

In wishing you all success, I am your sister,  
Mrs. N. H. KELLOGG, Aitkin, Minn.

Mrs. Kellogg. I do like the co-partnership which you have formed with your boys. You have struck the right key to their business development and held out the best inducements for keeping them on the farm when you allow each one a personal income, the size of which will depend on their own industriousness. Right here is where so much discontent arises. It isn't always a distaste for agricultural pursuits that causes the boys and girls to drift from the farm, but being American born and bred, they become ambitious for a money return for their labors and look about for the best market. What farm is there too small to allow a plot for the boys and girls, and what greater joy does a parent desire than to know that when the evening lamp is lighted the family circle will be unbroken? Interest the children in your dear friends, in whichever way they incline. They need your good judgment, acquired only by long years of experience, and in turn you need the stimulus of their growing ideas and the warmth of their young hearts. Your letter will be a genuine help and inspiration to us all Mrs. Kellogg.—Ed.

DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Today I am going to try and take time to write you a few lines.

I am a young wife of two years and three months. I have red hair, blue eyes, fair skin and am five feet and two inches tall, but no nothouse plant, as I love my garden and flowers. I am also a great lover of fancy work and quilts, but hate cats or dogs around. Fish are my favorite pets in the house and I have a sixteen-quart bowl with nine fine fishes, only two alike. They require little care and do not cost much to keep. I change them once a week and always feed in the morning with a piece of fish food about one by one and one quarter inch, for the nine fishes. My fish plants are anchored to the bottom and they take root and grow. The fishes love shells and things like that to rest in at night and they should have the plants as they keep air in the water. Fish will get so tame that they will bite your finger, so give them a little fish bowl and shells should be kept very clean.

Sisters, keep your bedroom window open a little even in the coldest weather; it keeps the doctor out. I always have a window open and open the door whenever I possibly can and as a result we never have a cold on our lungs. My baby is over a year old and has never had a cold on his lungs, yet people told me I would kill him the way I used to give him fresh air when he was only a week old, but he is alive yet, and is never sick and walked when he was nine months old. Of course a person must use sense and not have a draft, but fresh air is a person's best friend.

A good summer drink is made as follows: Take as many strawberries or raspberries as you want to use and barely cover with vinegar in the evening. The next day put the whole on the stove and boil a little. Put in a cheese-cloth and press out all the juice, return to the stove and put enough sugar in to make it quite sweet. When sugar is well dissolved let it cool or put at once in hot bottles. It will keep without sealing. Only a cork will do. Keep in a cool place and when wanted put about one inch of it into a tumbler and fill with cold water and you will have a fine drink.

I believe in women voting; every woman has done worse things than voting in a ballot. You do every time you go visiting and tell all you know about someone else when you are not quite sure it is so.

Can any of the sisters write through this corner how they make vinegars?

Can anyone who keeps rabbits tell how they feed them the year through; also how they keep them from digging out? I want to try and raise some if I can this summer.

Wishing you all a pleasant and fruitful spring and summer, I am,  
Mrs. WALTER RICHTER, Osceola, Box 472, Iowa.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I am a little girl nine years old. My mamma has taken COMFORT about one year. I love to read the letters and the beautiful poetry and songs, and I like to put the puzzles together.

I have one sister and three brothers. Mamma has been sick most all winter so I am quite busy most of my time working for her. I can wash dishes, sweep, make beds, cook, wash, scrub and sew. I sew most all the buttons on my brothers' clothes when they pull them off playing horse with their "gallooses."

I have brown eyes and golden hair, fair complexion and am four feet two and one half inches tall. It is four and one half miles to our school so I and my two brothers have to stay at home through the cold weather.  
LOUISADIE ROBY, Elgin, Nebr.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have wanted so many times to join your happy circle but was afraid I could not make my letter interesting enough, but I really cannot resist telling you how I enjoy all the letters. I often say, if you want to know anything, go to the Sisters' Corner and you will find it.

Uncle Charlie's page is fine. I love his talks, both grave and humorous. My husband and I live on a farm in Western Oklahoma, on a beautiful little flat about nine miles long and four miles wide. It is fine alfalfa land. We also raise all kinds of small grains. It is not a very good fruit country though some is raised here. We are twenty-eight miles from a railroad but hope to have one soon as the surveyors are here now.

I like to read the sisters' letters on training children for I have two little boys aged four and a half and two. The oldest one loves to be "mamma's man" and helps me with the work. He wipes the dishes, brings in fuel and even wants to sweep. I teach him to do his work well and he tries hard to do it "like mamma."

How many of the sisters ever saw a sod house? There are still lots of them in this country, though they are being superseded more each year by frame ones. Some of them have no floor, just the bare ground and only one or two small windows. Most of them have a "dirt roof," that is board covered with tar paper and then a layer of sod. Hardly any of them have over two rooms and lots of them only one. Yet the people are happy and contented. We are not "back woods" either. Many take fashion magazines and dress neatly and stylishly, though of course not expensively. I am deeply interested in the subject "To vote or not to vote" and I think all women should.

I will be twenty-five this month, and have been married six years the first day of last March. I have one of the "good Johns" who never gets out of

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humor; and if I do, he quietly leaves the room till I get over it, which is never very long. He is always so good to help about the house. I never have to get either fuel or water and often he will take the broom out of my hand and tell me to go sit down. He is always afraid I will overdo as I am never strong. I have not been well since I was a child.

I do not care anything about fancy work as it makes me so nervous, but I like to do plain sewing. I love to read. Next to the lack of a railroad, the greatest drawback to this country is the lack of book-stores.

I wish the sisters would all write to me as I get lonely. With best wishes to one and all I am your sister,  
Mrs. LOTTIE ESTER, Spearmore, R. R. 2, Okla.

DEAR COMFORT BAND:

May a new subscriber come into your charming "home"? I'm a transplanted Maine girl, and have been presented with COMFORT, I expect for the whole of 1911, and if she only knew the pleasure her dear gift is going to be all through the year, while convalescing from nearly two years' helplessness! Sometimes I can hold my pen to write, at other times my nerve-force gives way and I have to wait till next time.

Some of you may understand a complete breakdown, nervous prostration, so-called, after three tremendous administrations of chloroform, the last of which came so near closing my eyes "till the morning breaks, and the shadows flee away." But here I am, and a long way on the road to recovery—and not a drop of drugs since a corps of twenty-one physicians said of me, "She cannot live!" Oh, how good it does seem, to walk out under God's free blue sky once more, and take in a deep breath without pain or coughing! And oh, the bliss of sleeping soundly for seven or eight consecutive hours without those cold-drenching night sweats! Surely it was the poison of chloroform taken into the system, that outraged nature was trying to throw off, instead of the "quick consumption and Bright's disease" as diagnosed. Any way one girl out here among the old Rockies is praising God, and getting her grip on things again.

In return, what can I do for someone else, to express in act my gratitude? May I not hear from some lonely girls between eighteen and thirty, who are having a hard time, either from poor health or hard work in uncomfortable surroundings? Would any such like to come West, where honest work brings top-notch wages? Some of you white-faced office girls, with dark circles under your eyes, could "make good" out here, and turn your wages (aside from light living expenses) to good interest in land, where these new towns are constantly springing up. Anyway write me, and let me help you in any way possible.

One dear girl away down in Ga. in the cotton fields, over-worked and ill-treated, needs our cheery letters, our prayers, and our heartfelt sympathy. Are there not others?

I cannot return fancy cards, as I am unable to buy them; and I cannot do errands (shopping) for you, as I am still weak, too weak to undertake commissions for myself often; but gradually, in the order in which your letters are received, I will try to reply to all.

My great desire now is to help someone, preferably some lonely girl who is having a hard time. How many of you girls cut and make your own shirts-waists? I'm going to try it as soon as my hands are steadier, and will report. I'm almost through with my supply. Fancy gingham, cross-barred muslin, and also wool goods, can be made at small expense. I know, once one has acquired the "knack" of it. Now, dear Uncle Charlie, a cordial hand-clasp and may our Father bless your department this 1911 as never before. The invalids, the feeble, the burdened, the heavy for human strength, that we may reach out a helping hand to. Often it is one who needs work—and to get work for such is the best kind of charity I've found.

Now, how many will laugh at me if I say that as I get stronger an old passion has gotten hold of me, to begin to sew quilt-blocks? Couldn't I get up a COMFORT quilt, blocks about eight inches square, one or many from the different readers of COMFORT all over the North and South, East and West? I have thought of it, and my fingers just tingle at the thought. Silk wears badly, but would like it for sofa pillows; but wool, cotton-and-wool, or all cotton, wears for years. Prints, gingham and the like are fine. If any of you will donate blocks eight inches square I will bless you, and meantime have something better than fancy work for my spare moments. (I detest doing fussy fancy work!) My profession before marriage of nursing did not tend to interest me in fancy work, and my "better half" preaches the gospel for a

living, and I help him. We sing together in evangelistic work.

"Sometimes I wonder why so many girls will not do housework, and learn to keep house? So many marry with practically no knowledge at all of the care and management of a home. Out here in Montana housewives (never called servants) get from twenty dollars to thirty dollars per month, without laundry usually, and nice room and good board. And many families have to press boys into service, girls are so scarce. I have never found any place where household help is in such demand, nor such good wages. I am lovingly yours,  
MAY E. HAWTHORNE, Libby, Lincoln Co., Mont.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I want to tell you all how I, too, enjoy reading COMFORT.

Will some sister please send me the pattern of a bear and kitten if they can conveniently. I am the mother of six children, four of them are six years to sixteen months old, and I think the stuffed animals will help to keep them busy while the weather is too bad for them to play out of doors.

My oldest is a girl of thirteen years, the only daughter I have, as the rest are boys. My baby has eczema on his face. I have tried most everything, but nothing helps it much. Does any of the sisters know of a remedy to cure it?

Mrs. HATTIE M. BENSON, Bolivar, Allegany Co., R. R. 1, N. Y.

Mrs. Benson. Unless you have consulted a good physician who has diagnosed your baby's case eczema, I would do so. Very skillful physicians have often found eczema, commonly called salt rheum, difficult to recognize and fully a dozen varieties are described by specialists. It is usually chronic and does not readily yield to treatment. It is accompanied by burning pain and intense itching which is aggravated by heat and cold. The treatment should be both general and local. A one or two per cent. solution of carbolic acid will greatly relieve. It is often caused by improper diet, and by correcting that a cure has sometimes been brought about. I fully believe in the simple home remedies, but always make sure that you are treating the disease rather than symptoms.—Ed.

DEAR SISTERS:

May an Oregon sister step in for a short chat this winter evening? I have been reading the sisters' letters and would surely like to shake hands with Mrs. Margaret Hilborn on the question of boys doing wrong, for I do most thoroughly believe a boy that causes a girl's downfall is even worse than she is, and I shall most assuredly teach my three little men virtue just as much as I do my two young daughters. When I first read COMFORT, "Aunt Minerva and her owls," presided over the children's corner, and now my husband, children and myself, all look eagerly for Uncle Charlie's corner, and the first of the month husband always says, "Isn't it about time for Uncle Charlie to make us another visit?" And even my baby girl three years of age always wants to look through "Uncle Charlie's" paper.

I would like to give two tried remedies: For warts, soak two lemon rinds in vinegar two days and use to wash the warts.

For felon, insert finger in a stall filled with salt and keep saturated with vinegar. This will cure after the member is swollen till it peels off.

I will give a short description of my home and then take my departure. I live in the foothills of the Blue mountains seven miles from the thriving little city of Milton. It has one thousand inhabitants and no saloons.

My husband has been an invalid seven years from stomach trouble, but works hard trying to support his family.

I would like a few post cards, but cannot promise to answer as my pennies are scarce.  
Mrs. LILY HUNTLEY, Weston, R. R. 1, Box 65, Oregon.

DEAR SISTERS AND MRS. WILKINSON:

Squeeze over Ohio and Illinois and let a Hoosier sit beside you a minute. I always was shy in a large company so if I sit between you I won't be so afraid.

I have read your letters and think they are almost the best part of the paper they give so much good advice, and helpful hints, and so many give the description of their country, which gives us a good idea of the different states. How I long to see our beautiful country, but feel as if I never would be able. But I think of my many, many blessings and am satisfied.

Now a favor to ask and I will slip out and give you more room. Will anyone having an Van Ant-

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# RUBY'S REWARD

By Mrs. Georgie Sheldon

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## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Ralph Carpenter, a man of wealth, knowing his days are numbered reveals to Walter Richardson, the son of Sadie Walcott, his early love, the story of his young life, his love for Walter's dead mother, their betrothal, separation, her marriage, his finding her in poverty and the promise to care for Walter as if he were his son and to tell him something when he becomes of age, also his anxiety for him to complete his education, provision for which he makes. In the midst of his talk Mr. Carpenter becomes suddenly ill, and while the nurse and Walter keep watch Edmund in the library finds his father's private papers and one, bearing the words "Last Will," slips through a crack in a quiet desk and is lost to sight. With a sigh of relief Edmund closes the desk. The father dies without making more known of his wishes for Walter and revealing his ancestry. A search is made for the will. Walter is anxious to complete his education and Edmund offers him the position of book-keeper at nine dollars a week, with board for one year, and Edmund regards it as a matter of disrespect that the son of another woman is installed on an equal footing with him. Walter realizes his hard position. He goes to the city, meeting a young girl, who, through his assistance, escapes injury. He applies to Albert Conant, Architect and Builder, who advises a practical knowledge of the construction of buildings only acquired by learning the carpenter's trade. After three months of close application Walter asks for evening office work. Making rapid strides, Mr. Conant allows Walter to share with him in the preparation of plans for an elegant residence on the banks of the Schuylkill. He requests Walter to deliver them in a certain street and number. He knows the name is Gordon and is surprised to meet the young girl of his dreams—a sister of Robert Gordon. Walter gives Mr. Gordon valuable information regarding the plans and as he leaves encounters Edmund Carpenter, who is to accompany Ruby to a party. He is surprised to meet Walter and is rude to him. Robert Gordon favors Edmund's education and of Edmund's refusal to help him to an education. Owen Ruggles invites Ruby to visit at his home another summer. The next morning he calls upon Walter, who shows him every attention. Mr. Ruggles regrets that Walter does not finish his college course and offers to assist him. Walter refuses. He enjoys the independence of caring for himself. Ruby Gordon, in company with her brother pays a visit to Owen Ruggles and his wife. That night Walter Richardson arrives. Ruby claims him as an old acquaintance to Mr. Ruggles' surprise and pleasure. Ruby learns from Walter's lips that Mr. Ralph Carpenter was Mr. Ruggles' half brother, also the story of his young life. A delightful week follows. There are walks and drives. Walter saves Ruby from possible death and next to God she owes Walter most grateful thanks. Walter is conscious that he loves Ruby as a man loves only once in his life.

## CHAPTER XV.

### THE RETURN TO THE CITY.

THE next morning, during breakfast, Mr. Gordon asked Ruby, with a sly smile, if she was sure that she was quite ready to go home.

She glanced up, caught his look, and almost unconsciously her eyes turned upon Walter.

A brilliant flush rose to her cheek when she found that he was regarding her earnestly; then with an effort she recovered her self-possession, and replied, in a matter-of-fact tone:

"Of course we must go today, Robert. Estelle will return and be expecting us; and, besides, I have a dressmaker engaged for tomorrow."

"Oh, a dressmaker!" repeated Mr. Gordon, dryly; "that settles the question, then; for I never knew of anything that was allowed to interfere with the arrangements of that important personage."

Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles received earnest invitations to visit the Gordons at their city home, and they promised to avail themselves of the kindness.

Breakfast over, the carriage was brought to the door, and the Gordons, bidding their kind friends good-by, turned their faces homeward.

Walter was to drive them to the station, as Mr. Ruggles' presence was demanded at the mines; but neither he nor Ruby was in a very sociable frame of mind, for the thought of parting oppressed them both strangely.

Both hearts were full of what had occurred the previous day. They knew that they had betrayed, in that moment of danger, something of the tenderness which they had been learning to feel for each other during the past week; while Walter reasoned within himself that he had as yet no right to claim anything from Ruby. His sense of honor and pride forbade his making any formal declaration of his love until he should attain a position that would place him above the suspicion of being a fortune-hunter.

Upon reaching the station, Walter took Ruby's bag and wraps and found her a comfortable seat in a car, while Mr. Gordon remained outside to smoke his after-breakfast cigar. The road was a branch, and the train they were to leave on was obliged to wait for another to pass, and thus the young people had about fifteen minutes to themselves before the final adieus would have to be said.

"I hope your trip home will be an enjoyable one," Walter remarked, after they were seated, and anxious to break the silence that seemed to haunt them so persistently.

"It was very pleasant coming; the scenery is exceedingly fine all the way. But there is nothing like what I have seen here—this has been a week of weeks to me," Ruby said, with a little sigh of pleasure, as her mind wandered back over those beautiful days.

Walter's face lighted, and his eyes glowed with pleasure. They had been together almost constantly, and surely, if the time had passed so delightfully, she must have been happy in his society.

"I cannot help being exceedingly gratified to hear you say so," he said, in a low tone, "for I felt very much like an intruder, upon the evening of my arrival."

"How so?" Ruby asked, with surprise.

"Because I came without a special invitation, although I have always had a standing one; but I feared I might interfere with other plans, and thus mar your enjoyment."

"Oh, indeed you have not. Pray do not think that; you have—"

Ruby had begun impulsively, wishing to dissipate any such fancy, but she suddenly stopped short, as if she might say too much.

"What have I done, Miss Gordon? Please finish what you were going to say," Walter pleaded.

The young girl was very truthful, as we have already seen. She despised anything like deception or prevarication, and so she felt obliged to complete her sentence, even though it caused her some embarrassment to do so.

"You have added very much to my—our pleasure," she confessed, with a heightened color. There was a moment's pause. Then Walter said, in a low, thrilling tone:

"Thank you for telling me this, Miss Ruby; you have made me very happy; and—may I tell you something in return?"

"Yes, if you wish."

"The past week has been the happiest of my life," the young man said, in a voice that made

her heart leap with a strange joy. "Whatever comes to me later, whether I fail or succeed in life, in my plans and hopes for the future, it will be a delightful memory—a green spot—an oasis to look back upon as long as I live."

Ruby Gordon knew from these few words, and the tender, wistful tone in which they were uttered, that Walter Richardson loved her with a love that would last as long as his noble heart should beat. She understood, too, from what he had said about failure or success, that he would not feel free to tell her openly of it until he should make for himself a position worthy to offer her.

A happy little smile quivered about her red mouth, and she felt that she should not mind waiting until he should be ready to speak.

What did it matter?—they were both young. She knew that he would never fail—no one could fail who had a tithe of the courage and energy that he possessed, and she believed he would yet stand a peer among the noblest and most honored.

She loved him. Yes, she was fully conscious of the fact now, and she could be patient until he should feel free to ask her to be his wife. Walter saw that little smile, and it made his heart leap for joy; for it, together with the blush which crept up to her brow, told him that he was understood.

The bell rang just then, and there was no time for anything further, for Mr. Gordon came forward to take his seat with Ruby.

He shook hands cordially with Walter, saying: "I suppose you will soon return?"

"Yes, by the end of another week," the young man replied.

"I hope we shall see more of you then," continued the elder gentleman, with a sly glance at his sister, whose heightened color and drooping eyes he had not failed to observe.

"Thank you, sir," said Walter.

"We are all fond of young company," Mr. Gordon pursued, "and I, for one, shall be glad to become better acquainted with you. Ruby, can't you second my invitation?"

Ruby started. She had scarcely heard what her brother was saying.

Her thoughts had gone back to yesterday—to her peril, her rescue; to how, for a few brief moments, she had been clasped close to Walter's terror-stricken heart, and he had called her his "darling," and she had felt that he was all the world to her.

But she looked up as his brother put his question to her, and met Walter's earnest eyes reading her face wistfully.

"Certainly," she said, trying to throw off the embarrassment of the moment, "do come to see

serious designs upon the young girl whom he had learned to love, and he told himself that perhaps he had no right to interfere between her and the brilliant prospects that would be hers if he could win her for his wife; and yet the very thought was torture to him.

Ruby was not herself at all that evening; she was laboring under a painful restraint, engendered by the antagonism which she felt that Edmund Carpenter entertained for Walter, and she, too, was very miserable when at length the young man arose to take his leave.

Edmund made his adieus at the same time, and the two men passed out together, while Walter instinctively felt that he had some sinister purpose in thus accompanying him.

He was not long left in doubt.

"Are you not rather presuming in visiting a lady of Miss Gordon's position?" young Carpenter abruptly asked, after they had passed into the street.

"If you call responding to an invitation given by Mr. Gordon and seconded by his sister 'presuming,' doubtless I am guilty of the charge," Walter replied, with some coldness.

"Indeed! When were you so fortunate as to secure such an invitation, allow me to ask?"

"To be exact, I believe it was tendered me on the twentieth of last month."

"Neither Miss Gordon nor her brother was in the city at that time," retorted Edmund Carpenter.

"Very true; neither was I," Walter quietly replied.

"Ha! Where were you?"

"I spent the two weeks of my vacation with Mr. Ruggles at Redville."

Mr. Carpenter experienced an inward shock at this information.

"Were you there during Miss Gordon's visit to the farm?"

"Yes."

"And played the gay cavalier to the best of your ability, I presume?"

"I do not know what you mean to insinuate by that, Edmund," Walter said, coldly; "but, at all events, I took Miss Gordon about a good deal, and enjoyed a very pleasant visit with her and her brother."

Edmund Carpenter gnawed his under lip angrily. This, then, accounted for the unusual reserve which Ruby had manifested toward him since her return.

Walter had been playing the agreeable to her while she was at Redville. He must nip the thing in the bud.

"Well," he said, gruffly, after considering these points for a few minutes, "I wish to inform you that I am addressing Miss Gordon, and with her

understand my wish but will not heed it?" he demanded.

Walter paused a moment before replying; then he said, quietly but firmly:

"I should be willing to heed any reasonable and civil request which you might make, Edmund, although I do not feel that I owe you very much of consideration; but if you imagine that I am going to deprive myself of the enjoyment of a pleasant and profitable friendship, simply to comply with or pamper a freak of jealousy on your part, you have made a mistake. I will continue to visit at Mr. Gordon's so long as I am welcome."

"Then I warn you that if I fail in my plans because of you, it will be the sorriest day that you ever knew, Walter Richardson!" cried his companion, in a rage.

"You may spare your threats, Edmund, for I shall not heed them. I wish you no ill, and I would not knowingly injure you in the estimation of anyone. If you can win Miss Gordon's heart, she will doubtless marry you; if you cannot, she will never be so untrue to herself, or to you, as to take such a false step."

"You speak very confidently. You must have closely studied Miss Gordon's character."

"Yes, I do speak confidently; and I am sure that Ruby Gordon is a true and conscientious woman—that she will never forfeit her self-respect by acting a lie."

"I am not sure but that you have already fallen in love with her yourself!" cried young Carpenter.

The young man's face flushed and his heart bounded wildly at the accusation.

He knew that Edmund Carpenter could never feel for Ruby a tithe of the affection which his true heart had bestowed upon her; while the mere thought of losing her—of having her sacrificed to his designs—was like rending soul and body.

But he would never confess his secret to the man beside him; torture should not wring it from him.

"Silence signifies assent," pursued Edmund, bending forward to look into Walter's face as they passed a street lamp.

"Not necessarily," was the unmoved reply. "I did not think it worth while to make any response to your sneering remark."

"Beggars! pauper! Is this the return you make for all that has been done for you in the past?"

Edmund was exasperated beyond endurance at Walter's superior self-control, and the indifference that he had manifested to his commands and threats.

Walter's hands closed and unclosed with a convulsive movement, and for a moment he was tempted to make his insolent companion measure his length upon the pavement.

But his better nature controlled him, though his high spirit resented the opprobrious epithets that had been applied to him.

"I am neither a beggar nor a pauper," he returned, slowly and with impressive distinctness, "and I owe you no return for anything, for you have never done me a kind or generous act during all the years that we have known each other. Your father I loved and revered for his goodness to me, and had he lived, any service that I could have rendered him would have been but a pleasure to me. I do not wish to quarrel with you. For his sake, I would wish to always treat you with respect and consideration. But it is worse than folly to prolong this interview. I turn here, and will wish you good night."

"Stay," cried young Carpenter, laying a heavy hand upon Walter's shoulder, and speaking in a low, fierce tone. "I hope you understand me; it will not be wise for you to cross my path at the Gordons' very often."

Walter shook himself free from that detaining hand, and faced the man proudly.

"I think you hardly understand me," he said, in a haughty tone. "I quail before no man's threats, as I will prove to you here and now. Suppose for instance, that I do love Ruby Gordon; if I were sure that she would return my affection, I should try—provided I was in a position to warrant my doing so before all the world. Any other man has the same privilege and right in this free country, and no one has any authority to lay restrictions upon another. Good night, Edmund."

He turned upon his heel, and walked resolutely away, but not before he had caught the ominous words that were thrown savagely after him:

"Beggars! I have only one word to say to you—beware!"

## CHAPTER XVII.

### THE GORDONS' NEW HOME.

Mr. Robert Gordon's house was at last completed, furnished and ready for occupancy, and a veritable palace of luxury and elegance it was, too.

The site upon which it had been built was unexceptional, while the grounds had all been laid out with exquisite taste before the house was erected.

There were long, smoothly graveled walks, overarched with wide-spreading, luxuriant trees, leading up to it. There was a beautiful lawn, green and smooth as velvet, in front, and this was ornamented with choice shrubs, lovely beds, with here and there a fountain and choice pieces of gleaming white statuary.

Wide marble steps led up to the spacious mansion, and the grand entrance hall, whose rich and elegant furnishings gave but a faint idea of the magnificence awaiting beyond.

On one side of this was the grand drawing-room, extending the whole length of the house, and furnished with almost royal splendor. Opposite were a reception-room, the library and dining-room, all marvels of luxury; while beyond there was a spacious conservatory, filled with choice plants and exotics.

An imposing stairway of carved oak led to the rooms above, which were arranged *en suite*, and which were also as rich and beautiful as money and good taste could make them.

Ruby's apartments, comprising a parlor, bedroom, and dressing-room, were upon the south side of the house, commanding a delightful view of the Schuylkill and Fairmount Park, and were fitted up with a daintiness just suited to the lovely girl.

The family moved into the luxurious home about the first of December, and Mr. Gordon and his wife planned to give a grand house-warming not far from Christmas time.

"Robert, let us send for Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles; it would be something grand for them to be at such a party," Ruby said, when they were making out their list of invitations.

Mr. Gordon laughed and glanced at his wife. "Estelle, what do you say to Ruby's proposition?" he asked.

"Don't you imagine that they would feel rather out of their element?" Mrs. Gordon inquired, raising her shapely eyebrows, while her lips curled with a smile of scornful amusement.

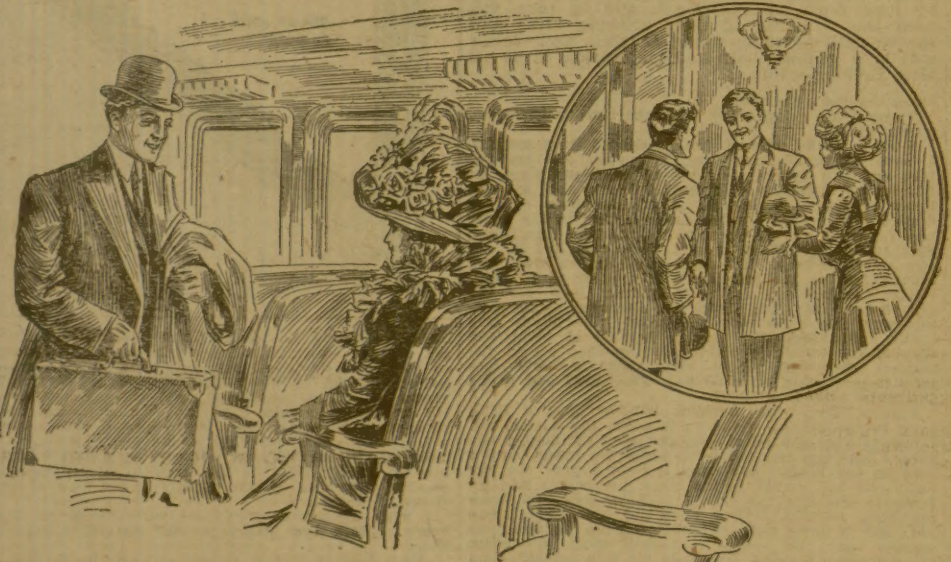
"People like to get out of their element, sometimes," her husband responded. "They treated us very handsomely when we were at Redville. If you have no serious objections, it might be as good a time as any to return their hospitality and show them something of the city; besides, Ruby seems anxious to have them here."

"Oh, Estelle, let them come," Ruby pleaded. "they are very nice, harmless people, and I will manage not to let them be conspicuous at the reception to annoy you with their rustic ways."

"Very well," asserted Mrs. Gordon. "But mind, I shall hold you to your promise. They will be your guests, and you must entertain them."

She was a woman who had a great reverence for gold, and she felt that even the rustic Ruggles

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WALTER FOUND HER A COMFORTABLE SEAT WHILE MR. GORDON REMAINED OUTSIDE. EDMUND MADE HIS ADIEUS AT THE SAME TIME.

us, Mr. Richardson, when you come back to Philadelphia; my brother is, as he says, very fond of young company."

Robert Gordon laughed. She had spoken very demurely, but he felt sure that she was laboring under an unnatural restraint.

"I think I have proved that beyond a doubt, by allowing this young lady to drag me wherever her sweet will has prompted this summer," he said, softly pinching the rosy cheek next him. "But," he added, "the train is ready to start, and I must not detain you. Good morning; we shall look for you some evening shortly."

Walter bowed a smiling acceptance of this invitation, lifted his hat, with one last lingering glance at Ruby, and hastened from the car with a very happy heart, and yet feeling, as he watched the train disappear around a bend in the road, as if half the sunshine had been blotted from the day.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### A CALL AND ITS RESULTS.

Walter's second week soon slipped away, and he returned to his business with a heart full of courage and resolution.

He had served two years under Mr. Conant, and had done excellent work, so that gentleman told him—work which, though it might have seemed more like drudgery to him, he would never regret. And now he was to serve two years more in the office, and in learning how to manage contracts, at a salary which would be gauged according to the progress he made. After that he would be ready to go into business for himself, if he should feel so disposed.

Mr. Conant felt that he had secured a genius in Walter, for he proved to be peculiarly adapted to the business. He was often surprised by the apt and valuable suggestions which he made regarding difficult and intricate plans, while he certainly possessed excellent taste and judgment.

Walter availed himself of Mr. Gordon's invitation to call not long after his return, and he was most cordially received by all the members of the family, although his pleasure was very shortly interrupted by the entrance of Edmund Carpenter, who had renewed his visits and attentions to Ruby immediately upon discovering that she was in the city.

Young Carpenter was evidently anything but pleased to find Walter a visitor in that house, and greeted him coldly, while an unmistakable frown settled upon his brow at what he considered his impertinent assurance for daring to be upon such familiar terms with people so far above him socially.

Then he endeavored to monopolize Ruby's time and attention. She tried to divide her favors between her two callers, but Edmund Carpenter adroitly managed to make all such efforts appear so forced that she grew embarrassed whenever she attempted to speak to Walter, and he, observing it, was upon the point of excusing himself and taking his leave, when Mr. Gordon drew him into conversation regarding his new residence, which was now nearly ready for occupancy, and after that things moved along more smoothly, although the evening proved to be anything but a pleasant one.

He could not fail to perceive that Edmund had

brother's permission, and I desire that you will do nothing that will interfere with my plans."

He had indeed, recently sought Mr. Gordon and solicited his consent to his addressing his sister.

Mr. Gordon had gravely told him that it was a matter in which Ruby herself was chiefly concerned; that he should never lay any obstacle in the way of her happiness; and if she should bestow her affections upon him, he should freely give his consent to their union.

Robert Gordon, however, was very sure, from what he had seen at Redville, that Ruby would never marry Edmund Carpenter.

Walter's heart sank heavily upon being told this, while a feeling of indignation sprang up within him at the tone of authority which his rival had adopted toward him.

"It is not my intention to ever interfere with any of your plans, Edmund," he returned, in the same tone as before. "If you desire to win Miss Gordon—and can do so—with a little unintentional emphasis on those last words, 'of course it is all right and proper; but both Mr. and Miss Gordon have proffered me their hospitality, and, having no congenial home, I see no reason why I should not avail myself of it occasionally.'"

"You are very independent about it; perhaps you even aspire to win Miss Gordon yourself," sneered his companion.

A swift flush mounted to Walter's brow, and an angry retort rushed to his lips. He checked it, however.

"I am not in a position to aspire to anything of the kind at present," he said, gravely.

"That is the most sensible thing that I have heard you say tonight," Mr. Carpenter returned, in a somewhat mollified tone. "All the same," he added, "it might be just as well to keep out of temptation, and out of the way of doing an injury to others."

"I do not think I clearly understand the latter part of your remark."

"Well, then, to be plain, it may do my cause harm if you continue to visit the Gordons."

"Surely you cannot feel very confident of succeeding in your designs, if you fear that the occasional visits of anyone will mar your plans."

Edmund turned upon him fiercely.

"None of your sarcasms to me, if you please. I know what I am about. I am bound to win the pretty heiress if I can, and it won't be healthy for you, or anyone, to balk me in my purpose."

"Then it is the heiress, not a wife—not the sweet, gentle woman—whom you wish to win," said Walter, a note of scorn in his tone, for all his manhood arose indignantly against such a fate for beautiful Ruby Gordon.

"Sweet and gentle fiddlestick!" was the contemptuous retort. "Don't be absurdly sentimental, Walter. Of course I admire Ruby Gordon—love her, if you will. Who wouldn't love a pretty girl like that, with thirty thousand dollars tacked on as an additional charm? I am going to marry her if I can get her, and—I want you to keep out of my way. Do you understand?"

"Yes, I understand," Walter said, calmly, but longing to make him suffer for speaking so flippantly of the woman he loved.

Edmund Carpenter turned upon him with an angry frown.

"Do you mean to imply by that tone that you



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werp and Bragg, first and second Reader, of the 1870 issue, please write me. They were used extensively throughout Indiana in 1879-1888. I want especially a second reader. Also a shower April 2nd.

Mrs. EMMA FRAZIER, Chesterfield, Box 1, Ind.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a reader of COMFORT for a long time and think it is the best paper I ever read. My husband died last June, leaving my baby girl and myself alone. Will any of the sisters tell me where I can get a boy or girl to live with us? I have a good home and will do the best I can for them. May God bless you all.

Mrs. MARY KNIGHT, White Pine, R. B. 1, Tenn.

DEAR SISTERS:

I like our corner and Uncle Charlie's department very much. Long may he live to carry on the good work he is doing.

I saw in the Jan. number a letter from Mrs. Lillian Eppes, saying her little two-year-old girl often had bowel trouble, resulting from cold. Let me tell her of my little girl who was troubled in the same way, but now she is as healthy as a horse. The doctor directed me to put flannel bands on her and grease her bowels every night with olive oil when constipated, and give a mild physic or an enema of warm water and just enough Castile soap in it to soften. Give her plenty of outdoor air, but keep out of draft, let her run and play keeping her warm. I hope this will help her little one as it did mine.

For croup, vinegar, water and sugar mixed about as sour as lemonade will help if given quite often to cause vomiting. The doctor gave it to my five-weeks-old boy. Long live COMFORT. I remain,

Mrs. MAY HOTT, Richville, Minn.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I deem it a great privilege, this being able to speak to my many sisters through our corner column. I haven't come very often because it seemed to me that most everything had been said. Every help and hint and "best way" had been voiced by some of my sisters; but on Christmas eve I heard such a sad, sad little story. It made me feel there was something very pressing yet to be said.

The story was told by a young lady teacher in the first and second grades of one of our schools in this enlightened, civilized Christianized America. She said that one of her little girls said very impressively and earnestly a few days before that she "loved Santa Claus a good deal better than she did Jesus, because Santa Claus has given me lots and lots of things and Jesus has never given me anything."

Now, dear mothers, do not you see we are making little idolaters of our children, teaching them to love and adore a false god; an idol that we call Santa Claus?

Would it not be better to tell them lovingly that we give gifts to each other this season to celebrate the anniversary of God's giving His dear son Jesus to the world and thereby showing His great love for us? Or we might say that giving gifts at Christmas time is keeping Jesus' birthday. We don't want to have His birthday forgotten, so we keep it in this beautiful way. There are so many ways of telling the fact of Jesus leaving His beautiful home and coming here to this earth to teach us the way to God's Father and that He loved us very much, so much that He gave His only begotten son Jesus to the world to suffer and die that we all who believe in Him need not perish; but might be saved. And that we might hope in His life, the life that is eternal. And in His resurrection He taught us that because "He lived we should live also," and that "He would go and prepare a mansion for us." Oh! we wrong the children so much by not teaching them the true meaning of Christmas. First impressions are most lasting.

We should be very guarded in seeing that no false teachings creep in which may be their everlasting undoing and prize the privilege of making these great truths their first impressions.

I want to tell the sisters how I prolonged the usefulness of a dipper that had sprung a leak. I painted the leak over with white lead paint, then put it in the stove oven and let it bake dry. I now use it for dipping water from the reservoir, although it would not have anyone to drink from it.

Another thing that has been a time saver to me is to turn the oatmeal dish upside down in hot water, after dish up the oatmeal and let it steam while eating breakfast. The steam loosens and softens the crust so it comes off easily.

Mrs. EDIE LANPHEAR, Olivet, Mich.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I like hundreds of other sisters have been a reader of dear old COMFORT since childhood, but never asked for admittance to our columns before, but since coming West I felt that I could probably interest some of the sisters with a brief description of this place.

Julesburg is a small thriving town situated in the S. Platte R. Valley, on the U. P. R. R. This farming region (the valley), depending upon irrigation for water supply. Last year the dam broke so the crops were almost a failure in the valley as well as on the tableland. The principal crops are small grains, sugar beets and potatoes. They do not garden very extensively here as the season is very short and therefore put out such plants as mature early. We, husband and I, have been here less than a year so I am telling you about this country as I see it and not through any magnifying glass as I own no land here and am no land shark. I say to you sisters who have homes in the East, South or elsewhere that my advice to you is to keep your homes and be thankful for them especially if you are fruit lovers for it's scarce and high here as the greater part of it is shipped away. By having an orchard under the ditch they can raise cherries, plums and a few apples. You can buy a little home in the East with the amount that it takes to start a farmer (to be able to rent) here, and then crops are very uncertain with all your hard work "throwing into the bargain." We came here for our health and intend staying a few years and try farming for a livelihood as we are poor in this world's goods and it takes money to run you in the West. They say men and women get such good wages in the West! Why shouldn't they? One dollar in the East will buy as much as two here. We lived in Ky. and Ind. before coming West but couldn't realize then what fine states we were in.

Discouraged? No. Almost everyone has the Western fever sooner or later, in life. But every place has its redeeming features. I can say for Colo. that it has more bright, sunny days than any place I've been in. We have little rain or snow, but look out for the winds! If you are light weight (like me) you had better stay indoors then.

Wishing all of you success, I am your COMFORT sister,

Mrs. MAY NICELEY (nee BROWN), Julesburg, Colo.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I would like to step in for a few minutes' chat and to say that I enjoy COMFORT. I am always sorry for the shut-ins and wish that they could all have health.

Sometimes I am sick myself, but I hardly ever complain for I think God will not put more on us than we can bear.

Like Mrs. Francis Hoyle, my motto is, "Have everything in its place and if when you use anything and are through with it, put it back and you won't have any trouble to find what you want."

I have a good, kind and true husband and four sweet children, three girls and one darling boy.

Well, I will tell you something of our little home. We are homesteading now. My husband is a fisherman. Sometimes he makes good, big hauls and at other times the catches are small. Our homestead is on an island, a key we call it, situated on the Gulf Coast of Mexico. About all the homesteads are taken up. We live about twelve miles from our main town Sarasota. We have one store, post-office, hotels and several boarding houses, a turpentine still and saw-mill.

The Northern people come here in large numbers in the winter time. They fish and hunt quail. They find here nice clams and the finest oysters that grow. You ought to see my husband and self roasting oysters in the evening.

I am a lover of flowers and would appreciate a few seeds from any who have them to spare. I can sympathize with Mrs. Annie Childers, for I have neither father, mother, sister nor brother.

I have written these few lines to you dear sisters:

"The night draws near; I seek Him once again,  
Oh, Master see! 'Tis growing dark and late,  
I have no sheaves, His sweet voice soothes my pain,  
They serve Him best who patient stand and wait."

So patiently, I strive to stand and wait,  
Though all the glories and the changing years,  
Wait till His hand shall lead me through the gate,  
And change my sighs to songs, to smiles my tears."

Mrs. DOLLIE DRYMON, Osprey, Manatee Co., Fla.

## Comfort Sisters' Recipes and Everyday Helps

Practically all of our common vegetables make into delicious cream soups, which besides being nutritious and wholesome are within the means of all. Care should be taken in putting them together properly as they nearly all contain milk or cream which requires careful handling. Carrot soup is one of the nicest and made as follows:

**CARROT SOUP.**—Bring one quart of milk to a boil, add one third of a cup of rice (well washed in cold water) and cook forty-five minutes. A double boiler is preferable. At the same time have cooking five cups of finely chopped carrot in three cups of boiling water. When both carrot and rice are cooked soft, mash carrot and return to liquor and add the same amount of celery sliced and fried in about one third of a cup of butter to which five even tablespoonsful of flour with salt and pepper have been added. Pour into rice and carrot and let come to a boil. Strain and add more milk if too thick.—Ed.

**SALT FISH CAKES.**—Soak two cups of fish three hours in cold water. Drain and shred and add four cups of sliced raw potato. Cover with boiling water and cook until potato is done. Drain and mash. Add salt, pepper, a little thick cream and a tablespoonful of butter and beat until creamy. Add two well-beaten eggs and beat again. Form into cakes and fry in deep fat.—Ed.

**STUFFED CELERY.**—One tablespoonful of club-house or any soft cheese, one tablespoonful of melted butter, two chopped olives and yolk of one boiled egg. Add salt and pepper and cream all together. Have ready nice, crisp celery, wipe dry and fill the hollow side of stalk.

Mrs. J. C. LAIMER, Spokane, Wash.

**BEEF CROQUETTES.**—Two cups of finely chopped roast beef, one good-sized onion, one half cup bread crumbs, one egg lightly beaten. Mix well together, add salt and pepper, form into small cakes, fry in deep fat.

ELIZABETH KING, Rescue, Va.

**SMOTHERED BEEF.**—Inexpensive cuts of beef streaked with a little fat make a delicious dish when smothered. First put into a hot frying pan and brown, as this imparts a fine flavor. Place in a tightly covered kettle (a bean pot is the best), add two cups of water, keeping just about this amount throughout the cooking. Season with salt and pepper. A sprinkling of flour over the top adds to the flavor. If preferred an onion may be cooked with it. Cook slowly three hours. Remove meat, thicken the gravy with four tablespoonsful of flour stirred into a little cold water, cook five minutes, pour over meat and serve.—Ed.

**NOTE.**—Too good care cannot be taken of cooking dishes. It is a mistake to think they can be put away half washed and wiped and not impart an unpleasant taste to the food which you will try to account for in another way. Wood ashes will thoroughly clean and sweeten bean pots or other kettles that are under heat long enough to cause the constantly rising steam to form crusts against the sides.—Ed.

**PARSNIP FRITTERS.**—Boil, peel and mash four or five parsnips. Add one tablespoonful of flour, one well-beaten egg, butter size of egg, pepper and salt to taste. Form into thin cakes, dredge with flour and fry brown.

**SCALLOPED TOMATOES.**—Stew one can of tomato until the water is partly cooked out and the pulp is soft and fine. Season with pepper, salt (a little sugar if preferred) and four tablespoonsful of butter. Put an inch layer of cracker crumbs into a pudding dish, add tomato and a layer of crumbs on top. Judgment will have to be used in getting the right proportion of crumbs. Add bits of butter to top and brown in oven.—Ed.

**PUMPKIN BROWN BREAD.**—Two cups of mashed pumpkin, one cup of corn meal, two and one half cups of graham flour, two cups of sour milk, one and one half cup molasses, two teaspoonsful of soda, one and one half cups wheat flour. Steam four hours in oven by putting mixture into tightly covered pail and setting into another which contains the water. If this pail is also covered the water will not boil out during cooking.

Mrs. ALBERT SHAFER, 427 Kellum St., Scranton, Pa.

**NOTE.**—Brown bread or puddings will steam in the oven as above described with much less fire than when a regular steamer is used on top of stove. Two sizes of lard pails are excellent; a five and ten pound size.—Ed.

**NUT BREAD.**—Beat one egg, add one half cup of sugar and beat again. Add one cup of sweet milk, one quarter teaspoonful of salt, two and one half cups of flour to which three level teaspoonsful of baking powder has been added and three quarters of a cup of chopped nuts. Bake one hour.

Mrs. A. G. KATZUR, Steele, N. Dak.

**SUGAR COOKIES.**—Two cups of sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of sour cream or milk, three well-beaten eggs, two teaspoonsful of soda, one nutmeg. Work in just enough flour to roll for best results.

**DOUGHNUTS.**—One cup of white sugar, three tablespoonsful of melted butter, one cup of sour milk, one egg, one teaspoonful of soda and nutmeg to flavor.

FANNIE M. WOLF.

**CHOCOLATE CAKE.**—Two cups of dark brown sugar, one half cup of butter, two eggs, one half cup of sour milk, one half cup of hot water, one teaspoonful of soda, one third cup of grated chocolate and three cups of flour. Cream sugar and butter, add beaten eggs and beat well together. Add milk and part of flour, then the grated chocolate and soda in the hot water and remainder of flour.

**FILLING.**—Two cups of brown sugar, two thirds cup of sweet cream, butter size of egg. Boil until thick enough to drop from spoon, add vanilla and spread.

This cake took first prize at state fair.

Mrs. ALTA FLAKE, Industry, Box 8, Ill.

**MOLASSES CAKE.**—One cup of molasses, one teaspoonful of ginger, three tablespoonsful of melted butter, one cup of hot water in which one teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved and three cups of flour.

Mrs. VERA WEST, Crooked Creek, R. B. 2, Pa.

**MOCK ANGEL FOOD.**—Set one cupful of milk into a dipper of boiling water and heat to boiling point. Into a sifter put one cup of flour, one cup of granulated sugar, three teaspoonsful of baking powder, pinch of salt; sift together four times; into this pour the cupful of boiling milk, and stir smooth. Then put in the whites of two eggs. Fold in carefully. Do not stir or beat the cake after adding the eggs. If flavoring is desired, put it in before adding eggs. Do not grease pan. Bake in moderate oven.

MISS BESSIE DODSON, Henning, Ill.

**FRUIT CAKE.**—Two scant cups butter, three cups brown sugar, six eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, one cup seeded raisins, one cup washed and dried currants, one cup each of figs, dates and citron cut in thin strips, one half cup molasses and one half cup sour milk. Cream butter and sugar, add half a grated nutmeg, one tablespoonful of ground cinnamon, one teaspoonful of cloves and one of mace. Stir in the molasses and milk, add the beaten yolks of eggs. Dissolve one level teaspoonful of soda and stir in. Mix fruit together and stir into it two heaping tablespoonsful of flour and add to cake. Butter well two common-sized baking tins, line with thin brown paper well buttered and bake in moderate oven two hours. Let cool in pans and put into tight can to keep moist.

ETHEL SMITH, Beggs, Okla.

**CRANBERRY ROLL.**—Stew a pint of cranberries in sufficient water to keep from burning. Make a paste as for shortcake and when the cranberries are cold, spread about one inch thick. Roll and tie in cloth. Steam two hours and serve with sweet sauce.

Mrs. TULA STRICKLAND, Wankensabo, Minn.

**CRYSTALLIZED POP CORN.**—Put one tablespoonful of butter, three of water and one cup of granulated sugar into a stew pan. Heat slowly and when candied stir in as much pop corn as it will take. Stir well and make into cakes or sheets.—Ed.

**SEAFOAM CANDY.**—Three cups of brown sugar, one cup of water and one teaspoonful of vinegar. Heat very gradually to boiling point, stirring only till sugar is dissolved. Finish cooking with stirring until "threads" form from spoon. Set back until it stops boiling. Pour the syrup onto the well-beaten whites of two eggs in a very fine stream, stirring rapidly all the time with a fork. Continue to beat until it holds its shape then add one teaspoonful of vanilla and one cup of chopped walnuts. Drop on buttered paper.

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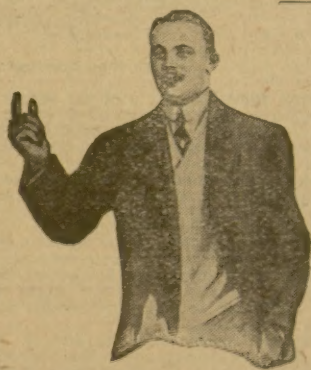
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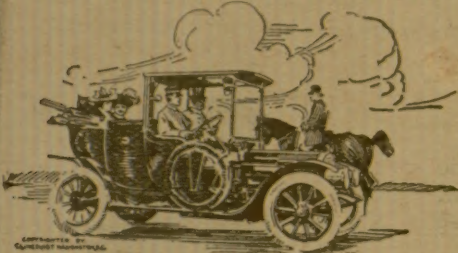


# Home Life at the White House

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THE White House, to those who are unfamiliar with its inner conduct, is enveloped in a mysterious glamour of unreality. Some have the idea that being President, sets a man apart from his fellows, that he lives and moves outside the usual routine of life, like the fabled folk of enchanted palaces, and that the First Lady of the Land simply has to figuratively wave a magic wand to have her wishes obeyed. While appearances may indicate that life in the White House is a dream of leisurely bliss, the reality has very little of leisure about it for the man and woman whom the public have made custodians of the honor and pride of the Nation and given the stewardship of the home of the ruler.

Never for a moment may these two forget that they are only temporary residents; at the same time never may they fail to remember that upon them devolves the stupendous task of upholding



MRS. TAFT AND MRS. FRANKLIN ELLIS IN AUTO ON POTOMAC DRIVE.

the dignity and dispensing the hospitality of one of the mightiest nations of the world. Especially upon Mrs. Taft, depends the planning and directing of the social, semi-political destiny of her husband's regime.

She must acquit herself and the nation, of which she is the present feminine head, with liberal hospitality, without letting either the fact of the relative smallness of the Presidential yearly income or the size of the complete staff of servants and attendants be made apparent.

Considering the ranking size and importance of the United States, among the great powers of the world, in the matter of the salary of the ruler in chief, she is away behind even of some whose rating would be insignificant.

The Republic of France gives her President \$600,000 per year, while the Czar of Russia surely may never become even temporarily embarrassed with an annual state income of \$9,000,000, besides receiving several millions yearly as the head of the house of Romanoff. The annual stipend of the King of Italy is \$2,850,000, and Great Britain gave Queen Victoria \$2,920,000, yearly, exclusive of the payments made to the members of the royal family and their relatives.

Before such an array of figures as these present, the annual allowance of \$75,000, which Mr. Taft receives, seems a mere bagatelle, and not even the additional twenty-five thousand for traveling expenses, nor the twenty-five thousand for office expenses such as postage stamps, stationery, telegrams, telephones, horses, carriages, automobiles, stable expenses, and miscellaneous articles, and other necessary incidentals, gives the total amount much of a showing.

While lacking the wealth and resources of monarchs and kings, our Presidents and their wives have left a record of which we are justly proud, and to the everlasting glory of American womanhood, whose greatest gift is adaptability, the long line of Presidential hostesses have maintained the code and upheld the standards of the stately Martha Washington.

Tact and the good common sense which is the natural birthright of our women seem to have been the lubricant for the vexatious problems of the past and the bridge which has carried them over the tempestuous seas of party favoritism and social precedence.

When Mrs. Taft stepped to her post at the helm of the social ship of state she had merely to keep her eyes wide open for dangerous shoals and steer in the middle of the channel.

In comparison with the palaces of royalty our executive residence assumes inconsequent proportions. That it dispenses adequate and liberal hospitality without departing from the characteristic democratic simplicity, is best shown by the annual cost to the government for its maintenance.

The following table contains the list of the White House expenses to the government. All others not included therein are the President's own concern and are paid by him.

## Cost of Running the White House for a Year

President's salary.....	\$75,000
Salary of Secretary to the President.....	6,000
President's traveling expenses.....	25,000
Clerk hire.....	64,320
Maintenance of White House, furnishings, repairs, etc.....	35,000
Contingent fund for office supplies, telephones, horses, carriages, automobiles, stable, etc.....	25,000
White House grounds.....	9,000
Fuel.....	6,000
Maintenance of green houses.....	9,000
Repair of green houses.....	3,000
Printing, invitations, etc.....	2,000
Lighting grounds of White House.....	510
Total.....	\$259,830

The White House contains in all about forty rooms and is surrounded by a ten-acre park, to certain parts of which the public are admitted and at times becomes quite a playground for the children of Washington, as appears in the accompanying illustration which shows the children enjoying the sport of rolling eggs on the White House lawn, a custom which in recent years has come in vogue in the national capital.

Any house as commodious as the Executive Mansion, even if reserved for the exclusive use of one family, would require a fair-sized staff of servants to keep it in order, but when the house is the people's White House and open to the general public from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M. every day save Sunday, it would seem as though a regular army of domestics was necessary. However there are about twenty-six in all, chiefly colored people, as has been the rule in the past.

Mrs. Taft is the first hostess to have a housekeeper whose salary is paid by the government. There is now no steward, Mrs. Jane Jaffrey, who was recommended by some of Mrs. Taft's New York friends fills this position, for which she receives twelve hundred a year. Her position is one of considerable responsibility as she has charge of all of the servants, there being no rank among them, all being alike under her authority. She also looks after the linen, silver, keeps the house in order and does all of the marketing, not only for the family but also for the various entertainments; for all of the catering is now done in the White House kitchens, even to the loaves and confectionery.

Mrs. Jaffrey buys on a wholesale scale, the best markets afford. Butter and lard in tubs, potatoes by the barrel and other things in like manner.

All food and wines are paid for by the President. The government does not provide any of the supplies for the larder or the wine cellar.

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but President Taft's idea on the question of alcoholic drinks is reflected in his recent letter read in Sunday schools of the United States on February the twelfth.

The letter is addressed to "My dear young friends," and reads:

"The excessive use of intoxicating liquors is the cause of a great deal of the poverty, degradation, and crime of the world, and one who abstains from the use of such liquor avoids a dangerous temptation. Abraham Lincoln showed that he believed this in writing out for his boy friends the pledge of total abstinence so often quoted. Each person must determine for himself the course he will take in reference to his tastes and appetites, but those who exercise the self-restraint to avoid altogether the temptation of alcoholic liquor are on the safe and wiser side."

The state dinners of this administration cost from eight to twelve dollars per plate, according to their elaborateness and the number and personnel of the guests. The Diplomatic dinner, which is always the most sumptuous, costs about twelve hundred dollars, and there are records of past banquets which have cost as high as three thousand dollars. Mrs. Taft follows no set rule in the matter of the menu or the wine course. The number of wines depends, as in any social dinner, upon the menu. Cocktails or white wines are used with the oysters, clarets or sherry with the soups, champagne or even sauterne with the principal course, port with the sweets and brandy or cordial to finish with. At the Diplomatic dinners the menu and the wines are made as elaborate as is consistent with good taste.

It has been the custom of nearly all previous administrations to serve wines at the state dinners and President Taft has abundant precedent for an elaborate wine course on these occasions. The suppers served at the receptions are similar to those served in any home on a social occasion. They usually consist of dainty sandwiches, salads, relishes, croquettes, little cakes, ices and champagne punch and coffee.

With the exception of the change in the manner of conducting the state receptions, at which the buffet supper is now served for all the guests instead of only to those especially invited to the Blue Room, President Taft has adhered generally to the customs which, with few exceptions, have prevailed at these affairs for many years. Outside of the state dinners no liquors are served at the public functions except the champagne punch at the receptions. At these public receptions both the President and Mrs. Taft join their guests in the dining-room and further impress the heartiness of their hospitality by personally partaking of the supper and the coffee.

For the preparation of all this food there are two kitchens. The smaller one is used for



EASTER EGG ROLLING ON WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS.

preparing the family meals and the larger one is provided with a mammoth hooded range where all of the cooking for the state functions is done. It is also supplied with a huge water tank, holding almost a hoghead of hot water, very acceptable when one considers the number of dishes to be washed after a dinner of perhaps a dozen courses and from forty to ninety guests. This is also the dining-room for the help.

There are three cooks, three men to serve in the pantry and as waiters, and several butlers and on such state affairs as are given throughout the season about twenty-five extra helpers are hired to assist in the cloakrooms, kitchens and in the dining-room.

Mrs. Taft personally inspects and O. K.'s all accounts. Her maids attend to the bedrooms. The President has a Filipino valet or personal servant, Monica Lopez Lara, whom he brought from the Philippines. He also serves as the Presidential barber. He is not on the government payroll, neither are Mrs. Taft's maids nor any



PRESIDENT TAFT'S FAVORITE RIDING HORSES.

of the personal attendants of the family. Their pay comes from the private purse of the President and they are rated as in any private family.

With these exceptions, the domestic service of the mansion, the furnishing and care of the linen, china, silver and laundry is all paid for by the government. It comes under the yearly thirty-five thousand dollars and is disbursed by the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds. Servant hire is approximately seventy-five hundred dollars per year paid by the government.

Every day is wash day because of the immense amount of clean linen required, and three women are kept constantly at work in the laundry which with the servants' rooms occupies the west wing of the basement.

The chief usher looks after the care takers of the first floor and no one is admitted until the morning scrubbing and dusting is finished.

The President's Secretary has entire charge of the executive office and the clerical force. There is a movement in progress, at present, to increase his salary to ten thousand dollars annually. His staff consists of the following: Executive clerk, chief clerk, appointment clerk, record clerk, two expert stenographers, accountant, two corre-

spondents, disbursing clerk, and twenty-four other clerks, messengers and laborers, whose aggregate salaries amount to seventy thousand three hundred and twenty dollars, all of which is paid by the government.

The White House family is much to be envied for their ideal home life, which has not been spoiled by the glare of publicity. They live just as any family of congenial tastes and lavish means and appear to get the greatest amount of pleasure out of the evenings spent in the privacy of their own family circle. Even with the sons away at school, the house is never dull, for both the Taft and Herron sides of the family are rich in young people, who are constantly either coming or going to visit. Mrs. Taft has five sisters and two brothers all of whom, save one, are married and have families and the President has three brothers and one sister likewise similarly blessed, so there are enough nephews and nieces to keep things lively.

With Mrs. Taft's musical ability, a real sure enough college girl in the house and the President as a funmaker and a mimic, they are never at a loss for entertainment and altogether they are the merriest family group imaginable.

In the privacy of the home circle all formality is abandoned. The family meet at breakfast which is served at 8:30 in the private dining-room.

Luncheon receives very little attention from the head of the house who frequently limits his midday meal to an apple. Dinner is served at 7:30 in the big dining-room and whenever they are not entertaining or being entertained they enjoy an evening of music or whist. Mrs. Taft finds much pleasure in whist and plays a scientific game.

Upon their arrival the Tafts brought little save their trunks, yet all of the private rooms bear evidence to the wide travels and artistic taste of the wife and mother. Oriental tapestries, bric a brac, bits of teakwood, lacquer ware, ivory and silver carvings and a variety of curios, such as would only be gathered in a series of journeys through many lands.

Excepting for these additions there have been but few changes in the arrangement of the furnishings.

Miss Helen occupies the same suite of rooms set apart for former belles of the White House and the President has converted his study into a "den." Here are his books, pictures and family photographs and over his desk hangs the portrait of his father which has been placed over every desk he has used. Being a voracious reader and a keen student of human nature, his book collection is by no means confined to law volumes, but is of wide range and diversity of subjects including the best fiction.

The family also get much pleasure out of the library, which is the oval room just above the blue room. The present location and really the existence of the library is due to the untiring efforts of President Fillmore's wife, who found the room in a wretched condition. The floor

was covered with an old straw matting which, on being removed, disclosed to view a Brussels carpet of very old design. This, Mrs. Fillmore had renovated and relaid and finally added a piano and a harp, and prevailed upon Congress to buy a library, which she selected and which has grown from time to time until it has reached its present over-flowing proportions.

No stranger is ever allowed to ascend the stairway to the second floor. This is reserved exclusively for the private use of the family. It has in all about fifteen rooms, not counting bathroom of which there are six or seven. These include beside bedrooms, the President's study or den, the library, two sitting-rooms and several dressing-rooms and a large hall.

Visitors and tourists who view the White House for the first time since the remodeling of 1902-3 find much to comment upon. The removal of the conservatories and greenhouses, which were replaced by an esplanade leading to the new executive office, is frequently noted with regret. The public do not use the front door any more, but enter through a colonnade on the east. This leads to the basement corridor into which open a number of well-appointed rooms for the use and convenience of guests at the different receptions. Along the walls of this corridor are hung some of the portraits of former mistresses of the President's House. A broad stairway leads up to the corridor on the main floor, from which one may enter the five rooms, where all state and private entertainments are held. Bronze standards for electric lights, crimson velvet carpets and settees, richly framed portraits and long mirrors add to the beauty of the corridor space.

The home-like air is emphasized by the absence of the blue uniformed police who formerly guarded the door with such an air of spectacular authority. One of the very first changes Mrs. Taft made was to replace these with two polite, liveried, negro butlers who now take the visitor's card with the courtesy that is more in keeping with the idea of a private residence. Here is where the Marine band is placed during the progress of the receptions.

The East Room is the only one open to the general public. For a view of the others, one must have a card of special privilege signed by the Secretary to the President, or obtain permission from the chief usher. This room is so rich in associations of past administrations that the average tourist invariably asks questions relative to its past history rather than to its present usage. It is a magnificently proportioned apartment over eighty feet long and boasts of a ceiling more than twenty feet high, from which hang three massive, beautiful, crystal chandeliers. They were made in Germany during Grant's time and cost eighteen hundred dollars a piece. Each of the three comprises five thousand and sixty pieces of cut glass, every tiny one of which has to be cleaned separately. (A view of the East Room appeared in our article on this subject in March COMFORT.)

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and gold it remains. Window draperies, hangings, furniture and piano are all of the same golden tint. Four splendid mirrors surmount mantels of colored marble. On either side are brass or gilt candelabra.

At intervals along the walls are placed twelve panels representing subjects from Aesop's Fables. The two royal blue Sevres vases, which are always so much admired, were presented to President McKinley by the President of the French Republic, in commemoration of the laying of the French American cable. Here is the scene of all great state functions. Here is where all except the special guests assemble, to await presentation to the President, in the Blue Room, and here they return later to dance and promenade. It is considered the most historic spot in the house. It certainly never lacks appreciation from the young people of the family for they do full justice to its dancing facilities, even when there are no visitors.

The Green Parlor, as its name would indicate, is a beautiful study in soft, restful moss green. All appointments carry out this tone. It has the largest number of souvenirs of past administrations. There is a screen of old Gobelin tapestry in a frame of gold surmounted by a spread eagle which was a gift to Mrs. Grant by the Emperor of Austria. From Mrs. Grant also came the gilt clock and two vases which she purchased in Paris. Two Japanese vases are reminders of President Arthur. The queer old lacquer cabinet was Japan's gift in 1858 when the ports of that country were opened to American ships. Portraits of eleven Presidents from John Adams to Hayes fill the walls. The most interesting bit of furnishing is the quaint old mantel which, with its twin in the Red Room, is almost the only bit of the original belongings of the establishment. These two beautifully carved chimney pieces were brought from Europe to adorn

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**A**PRIL is here, and the third of the year gone. Time, automobiles and money certainly do fly! The trouble with money is it seems to fly away from those who need it, and concentrate around those who do not need it, or already have too much. Two hundred and twenty-seven people were engaged, so I read in a daily paper, constructing the trousseau of a certain young American lady whose parents have money to burn, and who recently married a foreigner with more titles than a centipede has feet. Of course, of course, of this kind cause considerable money to be spent. That helps to boom business, but we also must not forget that if society were properly organized, these two hundred and twenty-seven people would be doing something more useful, sensible and inspiring, than upholstering a millionaire's daughter with a bewildering assortment of absurd glad rags, which will be immediately transported, with any quantity of American dollars to boot, to the continent of Europe. This army of workers, instead of making glad rags for a young lady who no doubt has more clothes already than she knows what to do with, would in any world where sanity prevailed and reason was enthroned, be making useful and necessary articles for their own use. Some of the girls who are working on this trousseau are probably not making more than from five to seven dollars a week, a sum, insufficient in our big cities to support even a healthy dog. Remember too, they do not get this wage all the year round. About half of the year do not work more than eight or nine months a year. This brings the average wage down from three to five dollars a week. And then well-meaning philanthropists, and a lot of other well-fed, well-housed, well-groomed individuals, wonder why the white slave traffic flourishes. There would be more reason to wonder, considering the conditions I have just described, if it did not flourish. To make even this miserable wage, many of these women work from fifteen to sixteen hours a day. Talk about the white slave traffic, what do you think of this?

Mrs. John Heath of the Household Economics Club in New York, says: "The condition in which the women and girls work in most of the laundries is beyond description. I have seen elderly women in the starching room, where they were obliged to stand all day ankle deep in starch." Mrs. Heath read the following letter from a poor laundry-dress: "I am a poor woman working in a laundry. I can't, for lack of education, get anything better to do. I work from seven A. M. to seven P. M., for four dollars a week. If there is a holiday we have thirty-six cents deducted. The other day a steam pipe burst, and it was the fault of the employer, and we couldn't work all day, but we had the money for the day deducted. Our employer is getting rich on the money he makes by our poor pay. We have to work in a cellar as deep as a grave; the electric lights are poor and go out, and if there was fire we'd never get out alive. There was one young girl, Margaret, and she got rheumatism in her feet, and now she can't walk or work any more. Things leak down there and it smells so bad that one woman fainted one day and she never regained consciousness. There are times when people send their laundry in and want it done in a hurry, and then these poor wretches are often obliged to work from one to two o'clock in the morning, and often all night."

I suppose the world would not call the blood sweating of these hapless mortals, trafficking in white slaves, but I would. Women must live, or rather exist. It costs money to eat, to wear clothes and live under the most dilapidated roof, and if a woman has to choose between semistarvation, wage slavery, rheumatism, consumption, and the ill health that too often goes with it, in other words physical death by hard work, long hours, poor food, to moral death in the resorts of vice and "pleasure," can you wonder she too often chooses the latter? It's a sad, sad subject to discuss, but it should be discussed nevertheless. Many of the girls who are wearing out their lives in laundry cellars, sweatshops, factories and tenement rookeries, are country girls who came to the city to seek their fortunes. You who are contemplating that step, stay at home. You country girls, if you work on any trousseau at all, nine cases out of ten, will work on your own. The majority of the two hundred and twenty-seven girls who are working on the trousseau of a favored darling of fortune in the city, have neither time nor strength to do any sewing for themselves, and if they had, they would far more likely be sewing for themselves a shroud instead of a wedding garment, thanks to the way the rank and file of our women workers are remunerated in our big cities.

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What would we do if you all were to come and live with me? I received letters from boys and some few girls wanting to come to N. M. and go to cow punching. Say boys, you don't know anything about cow punching, and you had better not try to learn. Listen while I tell you of a cowboy's life. He gets up at four o'clock of a morning. He saddles his bronk. Maybe it throws him and maybe it don't. He rides just as hard as his pony can carry him, till about ten o'clock. He rides into the rounding up place.

He starts out then and gathers the cattle in, then they brand and mark them, so that various cattle men can tell which cattle belong to them. They start out about two o'clock for the rounding-up place. Next day they ride till about dark, then three nights out of every week you have to stand guard. If it is raining or snowing, or is as cold as can be, you have got to stand guard. If you go to bed (?) maybe you get to sleep on one blanket for a cover. If it has come on to rain and the ground is wet why then you catch cold, and have a good chance of getting pneumonia. Sunday comes, you just work on, you don't get any rest.

Listen boys! I know of boys here in New Mexico that are twenty-five to fifty years old, and never heard the gospel preached in their lives. They have been raised here in New Mexico. They never saw a church in their lives, they never went to school a day. You may say that this isn't true, but it is the truth. I do not say that all of them are this way, but most of them are.

Not long ago one of the cowboys got drunk and was killed. The cowboys brought him to town to be buried. One of them told the preacher that that was the first sermon he had heard in fifteen years. Now boys you wouldn't like that way of living. These cowboys don't know anything only cow punching. They never did anything else in their lives.

One of the boys would advise you country boys to stay in the country and you city boys to stay in the city.

If you were to go to cow punching you would get your neck broken right on the start. Girls, what do you think that you could do cow punching? My father could not hire all of you to work for him.

One of you might come out here and marry my brother. He is wanting to marry awful bad, and say girls he is good looking, too. He will be good and mad at me for writing this to you.

The price for cow punching when you are on the round up is two dollars a day. The cook gets forty dollars a month, the horse rustler gets thirty dollars a month. This includes board. I am now living in Hagerman, New Mexico. I am now going to school. I never went to school but very little in my life. I have learned what I know at home. But I am going to try and get an education now. I have lived in the West all my life. I am a cow man's daughter and am sixteen years old.

Thanking you all for the letters, postals and post cards. I am, your niece, RUBY SPINKLES.

I seldom, if ever, give one of our readers a chance to have two letters printed in this department, but for good and sufficient reasons, which will materialize later, I have given Ruby Spinkles a chance to be heard again. She wrote me soon after her letter appeared in print. By now the fifteen hundred letters she received have probably swollen into five or ten thousand. This will give you some idea of the size of the COMFORT family, a family far bigger than the entire population of some countries of no inconsiderable size, a reading family bigger than the entire population of the largest city in the world—London. I am very grateful to Ruby for writing this letter. She may be shy on education, but she is the medal taker when it comes to good sound, solid sense. People who know nothing about cow punching, invest that hard, poorly paid and prosaic profession with a golden halo of romance wholly unwarranted by facts. Things in this life are seldom what they seem, and seldom if ever, what imagination paints them. It would seem mighty good to a boy cooped up in a store or factory, to be hiking over the boundless prairie on a fleet-footed cayuse, chasing a band of howling steers, but after he had done that every day in the week for a month or two he would get mighty sick of the job. The loneliness and monotony of the thing would make him sick. Man is a social animal, and most of all men love the society (especially young men), of the fair sex, and that is something the poor cow puncher is almost entirely denied. His life is full of hardships and dangers, his only recreation is a visit to the nearest town, which is generally some jumping-off place consisting of a few dozen shacks, most of which are saloons. He exchanges his month's hard-earned wages of thirty or forty dollars for a few quarts of the most devilish poison that fiendish, profit-seeking humanity, or rather devilment—for the sharks, pirates and scoundrels who retail this stuff are not human—can concoct. He pays for the drink, from three to five dollars a quart for stuff that costs about twenty cents, stuff that peels the lining off his stomach, and which converts and transforms him only too often from a splendid

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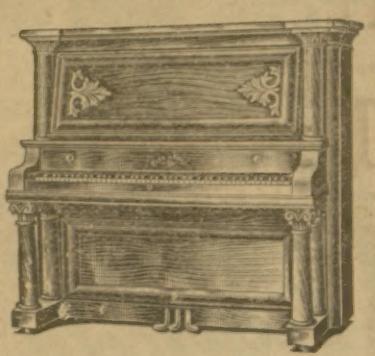
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yourself to want to be a politician. Take my advice, and take Ruby Spinkles' advice: Stay at home, and make good there, for remember if you cannot make good at home, the odds are you cannot make good anywhere else.

SNOVER, R. B. I. MICH.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE AND COUSINS:  
I am sixteen years old, weigh one hundred and sixteen pounds. I have light hair, blue eyes, and a fair complexion. I am greatly interested in anything that pertains to the welfare and kind treatment of our dumb animals. I am sending "The Horse's Prayer," which I think is great. All ought to read it, and profit by it.

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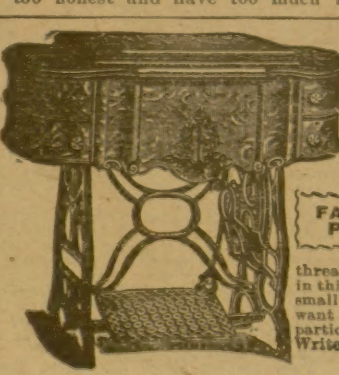
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Kid gloves may be cleaned by putting them on and washing in gasoline as you would your hands. Rub with a piece of flannel and let them remain on hands until quite dry. Then air and sun them, or hang near the stove as heat will remove the odor.

Use odd pieces of toilet soap by putting them in a bag six inches square and using this as a wash cloth.  
White curtains may be colored a pretty corn tint as follows: Dissolve one tablespoonful of turmeric powder in one gallon of water. Boil curtains in this solution for a few minutes, having first made them perfectly clean.

A small amount of sugar in the water used for washing ribbons will make them look like new.  
A teaspoonful of Castor oil applied at the roots of a dying palm or asparagus fern will make it grow like magic.

Mrs. NATH BURR, Perry, R. R. 1, Ohio.

To keep a clock oiled, place a small bottle of kerosene oil inside the clock and you will have no trouble.  
Mrs. EDWARD FIELD, So. Sterling, Wayne Co., Pa.

A good outside door mat may be made of corn husks. Plait or braid them together and each time you put a husk in, leave the end extending out about one inch. Sew together the same as a braided rug. The long ends make good "cleaners" for the boots and rubbers.

JANIS WILSON, Thebes, Ill.

Horseshoe dug in the fall and put into plenty of dry earth will keep fresh all winter.  
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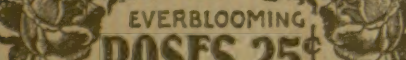
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Salt rubbed on silver spoons will remove egg stains.  
Can some sister tell me how to can green peas  
that will keep all winter?  
Would like to exchange a few story books.  
LIZZIE KLAMM, Holmes, N. Dak.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I inclose five names of those who cannot afford to  
subscribe to COMFORT. I find the paper such a comfort  
that I think it is equal to attending church to read  
the Sisters' Corner, for it not only makes our hearts  
go out toward God, but to our fellow beings as well.

We have five little ones to mother for the state  
of Massachusetts, and dear children they are, too. I  
have had four of them two years; but the little fellow  
that my heart goes out to most, has no one to care  
whether he lives or dies, and, as I for family reasons,  
must give them back to the care of the state this  
coming spring, I am wondering if there is not some  
childless home among our sisters who for Jesus' sake  
would not adopt this child. He is real bright, of an  
affectionate disposition, and if circumstance were such  
that I could I would not part with him for any  
money.

If there is a sister with a place in her heart and  
home for this dear boy, write Mrs. Agnes Bascom,  
West Foxford, Mass. If you will inclose stamp I will  
give full particulars.

I feel that this is the Master's work and His bless-  
ing will surely go with any who will undertake it in  
His name.

I want to see Uncle Charlie when on my vaca-  
tion a year ago and a very pleasant visit I had. His  
sensible writings do me lots of good.

Yours in His Name,  
AGNES BASCOM, West Foxford, Mass.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been a subscriber to your COMFORT for over  
three years and it grows better and better every year.  
How good and kind every letter is and how helpful to  
all the well and sick and suffering ones. I cannot  
praise our paper enough.

I am a young housekeeper. I have been married  
three years June 17th.

I have brown eyes and hair, five feet five inches  
tall, weigh about one hundred and thirty-eight pounds  
and will be twenty-three August 5th. So you can guess  
what I look like. I have a dear little blue-eyed girl,  
nineteen months old and full of mischief and a dar-  
ling little boy seven months old. So you see I have my  
hands full. I too, have one of the very best brands  
of husbands. We live in the country near our father  
and mother.

It is ten miles to our nearest city, Dodgeville, and  
to our nearest store at Wyoming it is three miles.  
We have good churches and good schools. Our near-  
est cheese factory is two and one half miles. There  
is plenty of timber around here, but very scarce near  
the towns. Oats, wheat, barley, corn and potatoes  
are raised, also good apple orchards. Blackberries,  
huckleberries and raspberries grow wild around here  
and people will come for miles to pick them.

For cold and cough on the little ones' lungs and  
chest, take two teaspoonfuls of pure lard and one  
teaspoonful of turpentine and warm and rub on their  
chest, then put on a warm flannel. I know this  
will help. I always do this instead of giving little  
ones cough medicine because it is too powerful for  
them. Just see how much healthier they will be.  
I have tried it. Give the little ones plenty of good  
bread and butter instead of so much sweet and very  
little candy. Give them fruit instead. Too much  
sweet will cause the teeth to decay. I know from ex-  
perience.

My husband has been an engineer for eight years  
and with his brother they run a threshing outfit, and  
in the winter time they run a sawmill.

I would like to hear from some of the sisters of my  
own age. I am your friend.

MRS. BERTHA JULSON, Spring Green, R. R. 3, Wis.

MY DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Please will you admit an Oklahoma sister who has

long been a silent reader to our dear paper?

We have two darling little boys, four and six, very

mischievous, but I couldn't live without them.

We are holding down a homestead. It is a very

pretty place, but forty miles from a railroad, still

we have the R. R. and telephone, and are not so

lonely after all. Good schools and church and Sun-

day school every Sunday.

To Sister Eppes I will say that we gave a pie

supper just before Christmas and made nine dollars.

Now we are planning to have a "home talent" play

and between acts songs and recitations; something

cute and witty.

If you would keep a wool band or long wool skirt

on your baby until three years old, it would be better.

Peroxide of hydrogen should be applied when dress-

ing a wound to take out the poison before putting on

salve. It is fine medicine.

We live twenty miles from a doctor and I have

learned to be quite a "quack" myself. But we are

never sick very much.

Some sister wanted to know about sumac. An

old doctor used it for sore throat in all its stages by

steeping the bark in water and giving from a few drops

to one half teaspoonful according to age, and wringing

a cloth out of the hot liquid and putting on affected

part. It will relieve and very often cure worst cases.

I would like to ask a favor. Will some sister

please send it to me?

With best wishes to the COMFORT sisters and Uncle

Charlie,

MRS. WALTER M. CLARK, Carthage, Okla.

COMFORT SISTERS:

I have been a reader among you for over two years

and a month between papers seems a long wait. COM-

FORT deserves its name in every capacity.

I am a cook by trade, but I remember he is not always

"we never get too old to learn." I find many help-

ful hints for the kitchen and pantry in COMFORT.

This is a country town you might say, mostly re-

retired farmers, with a population of three thousand in-

habitants, the greater part Quakers. We have fine

schools and churches.

I belong to the Quaker or Friends' church. Our

revival meeting is going on now. I wish you could

all attend.

This county is dry by local option. Not many

years ago there were nine saloons here, but now all

these places have been filled by better business en-

terprises. We have the best city water in the state,

pure and cold.

I am five feet four inches tall, weigh one hundred

and twenty pounds, black hair, large gray eyes and

fair complexion.

My husband is a pipe lineman and has been at the

business nearly fifteen years. I was just about to

say that I paid a dinner party three hundred and sixty-

five times a year, but I remember he is not always

called out on the Sabbath. We have no family and

would be glad to share our home with some orphan

baby. My heart always aches for the sick and

afflicted and I wish I was able to help all. If I

had the handling of these vast millions that go into

fine buildings, there would be less mansions and costly

parks, and more destitute souls cared for. Man's

great works of earthly things will lay shattered at

his feet when the last sound of the trumpet is heard,

it will then be too late for repentance. He will say,

"Depart from me ye workers of iniquity for I know

ye not." "Pew will be chosen and many left." I am

striving sisters to be among the few.

I will send a mock angel food recipe which is so

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If any of the sisters live in Clark Co., Alabama,

please to write me. I would like to correspond.

MRS. LULA STRONG, Fairmount, Box 113, Ind.

DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I come from "Sunny Tennessee" and hope I may

find a welcome.

I have long been a subscriber to dear old COMFORT

and cannot do without it. It is such a help and like

visiting my own dear sisters to sit down by the fire-

side and read the good letters.

I am especially interested in the letters on the care

and training of children as I have three little ones

to rear, and I know I am failing miserably. I lack

that sweet patience, which every mother ought to have,

but I am trying hard to overcome that and I am going

to, God as my helper.

I, too, have one of the good "Johns" for which

I am very thankful. I have been married five years;

am twenty-seven years old. I have one boy and two

girls, ranging from seven weeks to four years old.

So you see I am kept very busy most of my time.

I think the Woman's Suffrage question has been

thoroughly discussed. However, will say that I don't

care to vote and will let John and the other good

men attend to that, although my husband is in favor

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## Poultry Farming for Women

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### Food for the Young Chickens

**P**ROBABLY there is no branch of work in town or country where the old adage about a bap'orth of prevention being better than a guinea's worth of cure proves so true as in the chicken business, and especially when applied to raising youngsters. They are such tiny little people that there is scant hope of doctoring if they contract any illness. Yet naturally they are so full of vitality that, given a fair chance, they grow like weeds, and cause their owners no anxiety. So the main anxiety is to start them right, which means using common sense, cleanliness, warmth, fresh air and good food for the basis of health; and properly applied, cover the full ground of preventives. Whitewash costs little, but when it is made with scalded hot skim milk, a handful of salt, and an ounce of crude carbolic acid added to every pailful, it is about the best disinfectant that can be used in the coops, and keeps them wholesomely clean. Avoid all sloppy mash food, which is liable to turn sour and cause bowel trouble. There is a commercial chick food on the market which is composed



BABY WHITE HOLLAND TURKEYS.

of all sorts of cracked corn and small seeds, and is in itself a perfectly balanced diet for chickens during the first two months of their lives, but if you are in a real country district where feed-men don't keep such things, get ten pounds each of Kaffir corn, cracked corn, and whole oats cracked coarsely. (Both the latter should be passed through a sieve to remove any extra large pieces, otherwise you are very apt to have accidental deaths caused by choking.) Millet, hemp, and rapeseed, fine grit and charcoal, all mixed together, and fed in small quantities five times a day, all they will eat up clean in ten minutes. Added to this, keep a pan of wheat bran always before them, and plenty of clean water. There is a little metal contrivance sold at poultry supply houses now, which costs only fifteen cents and fits on any Mason jar, making a perfectly sanitary self-feeding drinking fountain. Watch the chicks: at the first sign of looseness of the bowels, replace the ordinary drinking water with rice water, made by boiling half a cup of rice in two quarts of water for thirty minutes. Strain, and allow the liquid to cool before using it. Giving hens too many chickens to brood, is a fruitful cause of loss in early spring, for the poor little chaps can't find a warm place near the mother breast, and the unfortunate outsiders will surely become chilled and contract bowel trouble, which invariably ends in death. The worst part of it is, that it is usually the strongest, busiest little birds that meet their end in this way, for they are busy playing about until the last moment, and their weaker brethren and sisters, who have gone to roost first, have got all the best places. For the sake of new beginners, I must repeat the old warning, "Don't feed anything to the chicks until they are thirty-six hours old."

If a barrel is used as a brood coop, drive a stake on each side to hold it in place. Throw three or four shovelfuls of dry earth into it, and on that put some straw. This prevents the chicks all tumbling into the middle, and Biddy tramping them to death. By each one have a piece of board and a stone ready to put up against the front to keep the chicks safe and prevent their getting out early in the morning when the grass is wet.

Coops are best in the full sun until the middle of April. From then, place them under a tree for shade. All grass under and around them should be cut short, so that dew and rain may dry off sooner, and also that the chicks may move easily find their food. For the first days make a little run in front of the coop to keep the babies from going too far from home.

The coops must have the droppings removed each morning. The mother must be dusted with insect powder weekly, after the chicks are seven days old.

### Young Turkeys

Soak stale bread in sweet milk, press out the milk as completely as possible, and feed the bread to the young poults. Be careful never to use sour milk, nor should the bread thus prepared ever be fed after it has become sour. Feed this, a little at a time, every hour or two, for two days or more. Then add a little hard-boiled egg, shell and all, broken fine, to the soaked bread.

After a day or two, follow with a ration of finely broken grain, and include a little finely cut meat. Make sure that the meat scrap is pure and sweet. Nothing is more injurious to the poults than tainted meats of any kind, as it will disturb their bowels in a very few hours, and cause great trouble. Lean beef, well-cooked, and cut into very small fragments, is good. Be very cautious about feeding green meat or bone. If any of this is fed, have it cut quite fine, giving but little at first, and be absolutely certain that it is fresh and sweet. Cooked meat is better for them while young.

Coarse sand is excellent for grit, and if sufficient of this is at hand, no other grit will be needed; but plenty of grit of some kind is a necessity, for without it the poults cannot grind their food.

Food should be given them quite early in the morning, and at frequent intervals during the



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day. Never overfeed them, but use discretion in providing plentifully for their necessities. Give them all they will eat willingly, and no more. Avoid the use of rich foods, grains in hulls, and millet seed, which is not good for them while they are young. A little of this seed, however, may be fed to them as they grow older. Too much hard-boiled egg is bad for them, while a reasonable amount with bread is beneficial. An excess has a tendency to congest and clog the bowels, and the writer has seen poults die from the effects of a diet exclusively of egg and millet seed. The same injurious effects may be produced by feeding exclusively with milk curds.

Bowel trouble must be considered as an assured result of improper feeding, and be aggravated by exposure to cold and dampness. Indigestion is a prime factor in the development of this ailment, that kills so many turkeys while young. This should be prevented, so far as possible, by the feeding of finely broken charcoal, which is a safeguard against fermentation in the crop or gizzard, thus aiding digestion. The looseness of the bowels should not be mistaken for cholera. It may usually be relieved by feeding rice that has been boiled almost dry in milk. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the practice of hand-feeding. The turkey hens are not so attentive to their young as chicken hens. If all who grow turkeys would pay special attention to hand feeding of the poults as soon as they are hatched, much benefit might be gained. To be successful with hand-feeding, one must take the food between the finger and thumb, patiently hold it to the beak of the young turkey, and try to induce it to eat. This method of feeding quiets and tames the young poults, gives them a good start, and prevents the possible contamination of the food by being thrown upon the ground. Although feeding in this manner may appear to involve considerable labor, the resulting benefits are often in excess of the time and effort expended.

### Goslings

A goose will lay from ten to twenty eggs and then want to set; but if you coop her within sight of her companions, four or five days will suffice to break her up. If she lays a third clutch of eggs, let her keep them and set.

When the weather is mild, five eggs may be set under a large hen, but if the weather is at all cold, don't risk more than three, and as it takes from twenty-eight to thirty days for goose eggs to hatch, be specially careful and select thoroughly healthy hens which are free from lice, and set them in nests in a quiet place, otherwise they are pretty sure to become uneasy before the thirty days have expired, and desert the nest. I have found it necessary on several occasions to use a second hen towards the end of the hatch, and think that it is really an advisable precaution. Perhaps the size of the eggs has something to do with it, but certainly hens are more apt to desert a nest containing goose eggs than



A PRIZE TAKER.

pheasant or guinea-fowl eggs, though they take nearly as long to incubate. The skin of a goose egg is very thick and tough, so when a hen has to do the hatching, it is advisable to put a thick sod at the bottom of the nest-box instead of hay or straw. Cut the sod to fit the box and hollow it out a little in the center. If the weather is very dry, sprinkle a little water on it before setting the hen, and every two or three days dip the eggs into a bowl of warm water, letting them remain about half a minute. Try to time this bathing business so that the eggs are returned to the nest about the time when the hen has finished her feed, and is ready to go back to her nest. A hen condemned to such a long period of setting must have sharp grit and some vegetable food, as well as corn, or she will surely get out of condition before the eggs are hatched.

The youngsters need nothing for the first thirty-six hours. Then feed scalded corn meal—the coarsest kind—and wheat bran, chopped green clover or young green oats cut fine, tops or green onions, lettuce leaves or any tender young greens.

If the weather is fine, put the coop containing Biddy and her family out on the grass,

making a small yard in front for the first few days, to prevent their wandering too far away. Move coop and yard to a new place as they eat the grass. Like young ducks, their drinking water must be in a vessel that permits them to put the water into the water, or they are apt to get the air passages clogged up with soft food, causing the gosling to smother; but on no account must they be able to get their bodies into the water, as they chill and get cramp so easily.

### Correspondence

F. S. H.—I have had three chickens that were droopy, with no color in combs or wattles. In two cases they died, and upon post-mortem examination I discovered that the gizzards were full of a dark, dry substance, and the lining looked like tanned leather. One of these and white bunches on the liver. The third pullet I killed, and upon examination found the liver very much enlarged, and composed of ground corn and oats, middlings, bran, Alfalfa and boiled table scraps and waste from the kitchen; they have warm water three times a day. They lay well and seem healthy with the exception of the above cases. Kindly tell me through COMFORT what is the cause, and how to prevent further trouble. I am very glad of an opportunity to tell you that I am an ardent admirer of your works; your "Self-Supporting Home" is more frequently consulted than any other book in my library.

A.—I think in your case the trouble arises from too much kindness. Change the rations a little, and also the method of feeding. Scatter grain in deep litter; then the birds will be compelled to scratch for it and take the exercise which they evidently require. Give the mash at breakfast time instead of at night. Be careful to remove fat from table scraps, and if they contain an amount of bread or potatoes, lessen the quantity of corn, and increase the quantity of oats, to maintain an even balance in the rations. Add a teaspoonful of sulphate of magnesia to every quart of drinking water, every day for a week, and a few days later add one eighth of a grain of strychnine to each quart of water. Magnesia will remove some of the excessive fat, and the strychnine will tune up the birds and get them in good condition. I am so glad that you have found the "Self-Supporting Home" useful. It is quite pleasing to get such letters as yours.

E. H.—Mix a teaspoonful of aloes in a cup of lard, and anoint the feathers around the spot from which they have been pulled. If the birds have been confined to yards, give them free range, or if that is not possible, give them plenty of scratching material to keep them busy. Feather-pulling is a habit which usually springs from idleness.

W. H.—Can you tell me what the matter is with my hens? Only the old hens (one and a half year old) have been affected so far. There is a growth about an inch long extending from the rectum, and there is a discharge of white matter all the time which is very offensive. Otherwise the droppings are all right—dark green or black and white. For a few weeks they seem to be all right, only pressing all the time. They eat well and even lay eggs. We killed and ate two of them when this first started, and there was nothing the matter with them as far as I could see, except this growth; they even had large eggs in them ready to lay, and a bunch of small ones. But after a few weeks they stop eating and hang around until they die. I have two more now; one died yesterday, and the other is beginning to lag around. I feed oats and wheat mornings, a mash made of middlings, bran, corn meal and cracked oats wet with very little hot water or skim milk; then I add a couple of handfuls of green cut bone for forty-five cents and whole corn at night. For green food they get clover or hayseed and cabbage nailed up high, and they lay very well from this. Now could you tell me through COMFORT what causes this growth, as I doubt if there is a cure for it.

A.—I am afraid you have a very serious trouble to fight. The disease is contagious, and care should be observed in handling the birds, or wash the hands immediately in a strong disinfectant. The trouble may spring into life from inflammation caused by an egg being broken before it is laid. Once established, it breeds and may be introduced by a new male bird, so the males should be examined as well as the hens. Add one teaspoonful of creosote to two quarts of warm water. Hold the lower part of the bird's body in the water for at least twenty minutes. Dry with a soft rag, and then rub with unguentum. Be careful to anoint all sores and the vent very thoroughly. Re-

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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or three months and now after many months he is strong and filled out on those parts and you will never know that he has worn a truss all his little life.

Would like a sure cure for tapeworm. Have tried pumpkin seeds and turpentine without success.

I wish to thank you in advance for the information which I know will be forthcoming.

I remain a Comfort Sister.

Mrs. HENRY BREWER, Swartz Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Brewer, I am very glad to have this hernia remedy for your corner as it has been called for a number of times. Your very explicit directions for its preparation and use make it doubly valuable.—Ed.

## DEAR SISTERS:

Will you admit an Eastern maiden into your charming circle?

I am seventeen years old, have brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and am five feet four inches tall.

I will send in a few words, which I call words of wisdom:

Three things to admire: Intellect, dignity and gracefulness.

Three things to hate: Cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to delight in: Beauty, frankness and freedom.

Three things to like: Cordiality, good humor and cheerfulness.

Three things to avoid: Idleness, loquacity and flirtatiousness.

Three things to cultivate: Good books, good friends and good manners.

Three things to contend for: Honor, country and freedom.

Three things to govern: Temper, tongue and conduct.

Wishing COMFORT and its readers success, I beg to remain one of the sisters.

MISS CHRISTA E. WIGGINS, Robertsonville, R. R. 3, Box 89, N. C.

## DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have long been a silent reader of COMFORT and I want to tell you about my home town, Mineral Wells, Texas. It is one of the best health resorts on earth for rheumatism, kidney and stomach trouble, but it is not good for lung trouble or dropsy. From May to eight thousand visitors come every year to drink the water and take the baths. They have an up-to-date street railway service, splendid park, tennis court and other places of amusement. It is in fact an ideal town for health and pleasure. It is surrounded by mountains on the east, north and west, and on the south is a beautiful valley. It has city water works and an underground sewer system. The White Sox National ball team was quartered here last winter.

Well, I will describe myself: I am five feet, eleven inches tall, weigh one hundred and sixty pounds, brown hair and eyes, twenty-eight years old and the mother of five children; four living and one gone to that bright beyond.

When your children are crampy, put some turpentine on a cloth and pin to child's night dress so they will inhale it. I think this better than putting on breast.

Begging to share in your love, I remain,

MRS. MATTIE KING (nee BOWMAN), Venus, Box 215, Texas.

## MY DEAR MRS. WILKINSON:

I have been a silent reader for many years and although I take several magazines and papers, I like old COMFORT best.

As I am especially interested in making hair chains of which I can make three or four different kinds, I would like to ask the sisters to let me know if they know where I could secure diagrams for different patterns.

I am interested in all kinds of fancy work and although I am a farmer's wife with three small children, I manage to make a piece of fancy work, either knitted, crocheted or some kind of embroidery every month.

The only thing I can contribute to the good old paper is a sure cure for warts which I have used and was prescribed by a physician. Take a lump of salt-peter the size of a bean and dissolve in an ounce of water. Apply frequently.

If the sisters and editor wishes, I will describe three or four nice pieces of furniture I made last spring with very little outlay of money.

I think we should try to make the home as cheerful and homelike as possible. If we have not much of this world's goods, so the children in after years will remember the old home with tender feelings, and not only that, but it will teach them to make their own home in the same way.

With best wishes for everybody,

MRS. ANNA S. OLAFSON, Okra, N. Dak.

Mrs. Olafson, I am sure that the sisters will join me in saying that we will be not only glad but very grateful for any directions for making home-made furniture that you can send us.

A good many of us have materials in our homes from which useful articles might be made if we only knew how. We want to know about everything that will make home attractive.—Ed.

## DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

I have been taking COMFORT for the past three years and in that time I have learned so much from reading the sisters' letters, together with the other good reading in each paper, that I am sure now that I will never be without COMFORT as long as it is published. I am fully aware that I cannot benefit the sisters by giving them an instructive letter like those we have the pleasure of reading in each paper, but then everyone is not gifted with an easy-going pen, so here goes my nonsense.

I live in the northwestern part of N. C., about thirty miles south of the famous Blue Ridge. We have some rough roads and some rough land to cultivate, though it is not all mountain section. We live on a farm that can be cultivated with machinery.

Ours is a healthy climate, as we get the pure, refreshing mountain breezes, and we have a bountiful supply of the purest spring water, as it bursts forth from the north side of the hills and mountains. It is almost too cold and clear as crystal. Almost every farmer has built a house with a porch or veranda, a house for keeping milk and butter cool in summer, and it answers the purpose of a first-class refrigerator and is less expensive, as the supply of water is always fresh and does not need replenishing.

We raise wheat, corn, rye, oats and several kinds of hay. We have as fine fruits as can be raised anywhere. Our mountain section is especially adapted to raising fine fruits. The fruit industry is rapidly gaining ground in this country and our mountain land is attracting the attention of prospective land buyers and many of our farms are being bought by wealthy Northern men for the purpose of raising fruits. Some expect to cultivate them, while many will be turned into game preserves, and the owners will give stock raising their attention.

We have the strawberry, raspberry, blackberry and dewberry growing on all of our uncultivated lands and many thousands of bushels are gathered each year for the purpose of canning, especially the blackberry which is a fine fruit when canned. I keep my table supplied every day in the year with fruits and vegetables. If I do not have them fresh I have them canned, which is just as good. I also put up canned goods for the market and find it a very profitable employment.

Wishing each and everyone of the sisters much happiness and prosperity, and success to COMFORT, I remain,

Mrs. NOLIE WALKER, Poots Knot, R. R. 1, N. C.

## DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

For more than twenty years I have taken COMFORT and remained silent all this time, not because of a lack of appreciation. Our good paper has steadily improved all these years, until one wonders how they can give so much for such a small price. And now it is Mrs. Edith's letter that makes me feel that I must speak. I heartily endorse what our Editor says to her. I have only one baby, and he is thirty years old. He was a very delicate baby, weighed four and one half pounds when he was two weeks old. No one seemed to think I could rear him, but I nursed him by the clock, once in three hours, and never failed him to sleep. He died in his own little bed beside mine, and through the night had to be nursed just once. He knew when it was five-thirty in the morning just as well as any alarm clock.

Now another thing mothers, don't talk of your children growing out of your arms. You need never experience such a thing. Though my son is thirty, he is still my baby. I believe he owes much for his mother's good night kiss now as over the old, and he is so close I can measure you, but a good, prosperous business man, with a mind of his own. In order to have such results though, you must be interested in what interests your children. Don't say that you can't always be, for you must if you would keep them close. I believe there is no other way. Should they

care for something that is bad for them, don't you see that the surest way for you to make them see this, is to be absorbed in it yourself?

This is a subject I never tire of. Motherhood is the crowning joy of womanhood and everything should be subordinated to it.

One last word; never let your children see you looking too untidy, at least be sure your hair is tidy and clothes clean. You see you must have the admiration of your children if you would keep their love and respect.

May our dear paper prosper in all its good works and this year be the best ever.

ELIZABETH KNOWLTON, Ashland, Wis.

## DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have for some time been an interested reader of the letters from various parts of the country and at last have decided to contribute a very small share to the monthly budget of good things, provided that our good editor (Mrs. Wilkinson) does not think this more fitting for the waste basket than for publication.

I am a resident of the new state of New Mexico and am of Spanish descent, or Mexicans as we are generally termed, my forefathers having come over with the Spanish Conquerors. Am married and have two small boys, but am afraid that I am not much of a housewife as I am the U. S. Commissioner here, and am kept quite busy taking dilgins on homesteads, contracts and final proofs.

This country has only commenced to settle up during the last three years and is quite new yet. Although these last three years have been the driest ever known here, the new farmers have raised the crops and we natives often wonder how much they will raise if it goes to raining like it used to do.

We are on a high plateau, reached after ascending a mountain over twelve hundred feet high. The plateau is about forty miles wide and ninety miles long and situated in the northeastern part of New Mexico in what is known as the mountain rain belt where all kinds of crops grow without irrigation. There is no sand anywhere on the Mesa, as we call the plateau. Water is soft, pure and plentiful, and the soil a deep, rich black with no severe winds or extremely hot days as in other parts. Our altitude is over a mile high and highly recommended as a health resort. There is still some government land to be had at a distance of from ten to twenty miles from town and relinquishments can be bought for from one hundred dollars up to twenty-five hundred dollars. One should not come to a new country to homestead unless they have several hundred dollars with which to commence.

I have written this letter because I have seen several queries in regard to homesteading and because that on account of my duties as a Government Land Officer I felt that I was qualified to speak authoritatively on the subject.

I may come again and give some genuine Mexican recipes.

Wishing you a great deal of happiness, I am,

MRS. FLERIA T. BROWN (nee TRUJILLO), Mosquero, New Mexico.

## DEAR SISTERS:

I have learned to love you one and all, and I want you to know that I am one of you.

God has entrusted to little children in my care, and I want Him to say unto me, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Therefore it is my one aim and ambition to mold their young lives so that they may become noble and pure. I fear none of us fully understand the responsibilities of training a young child. They are great imitations and notice every word said and every act performed in their presence. Oh, that we were more worthy to be imitated!

I think Uncle Charlie and Mr. Gannett have grand ideas for helping our invalid sisters and brothers, and I want to do my share, too. Although not burdened with much of this world's goods, I have a willing heart and two willing hands.

I enjoy doing for folks, but doubly enjoy working for invalids, who have less than most of us to make life bright and happy, for is not health the main thing of all?

Here is a little verse that has helped me to cultivate a kinder feeling toward everyone so I pass it on.

"'Tis easy to be gentle when  
Death's silence shames our clamor,  
And easy to discern the best  
Through memories' mystic glamour,  
But love were it for you and me  
Ere love is past forgiving  
To take the tender lesson home  
Be patient with the living."

Not only may this verse be read but imprinted on the soul so that it may shine forth and take root in some poor forlorn and shipwrecked brother, who through some act of kindness may again start up life's ladder and at last reach a resting place "at home with our Saviour."

Any gladness that we can give to another sheds a reflected light on our own pathway.

Sincerely your sister,

MRS. C. C. PALMER, Sylva, Ky.

## DEAR SISTERS:

For you who are troubled with falling hair will say that sage tea darkens, and that it requires a little alcohol in it.

Another good remedy for falling hair is to pour one quart of boiling water over two tablespoonfuls of rock salt. Let dissolve and cool. Rub solution well into the scalp once a day.

For more than a year I have not been able to be up all day, and a great deal of the time entirely confined to my bed.

We are in a new mining camp fifty miles from a railroad. We have a post-office here but no established mail route, so mail does not come very regularly. Our altitude is a little less than eight thousand feet. We are better off than most Nevada camps as we have wood and water. High winds prevail here nearly all the time. This is a gold camp, but low grade. The company here are trying to freeze us all out, but we are in hopes we ourselves will be able to sell our property this year and get out of the mining camps.

There are only a half dozen families here now, and I should nearly claim owners came in last year and did their assessment work. I am the Pioneer of the camp, naming the property from which the town site and post-office takes its name. I stood over a range in the restaurants and earned the money that located the Atlanta Mine and paid for the first year's work. Sold for a very small amount, thinking a company would work so that I could dispose of my remaining property to an advantage.

If we succeed in selling this year, we expect to see to how many we can give the comforts of life, and are going to get a little ranch somewhere in the regions of The Ozarks.

Sisters, to me there is no death, no more so than when the leaves drop from the trees in the fall; that the trees are not dead from which they fell.

Of course this body returns to old mother earth, because it belongs to the earth. But we only move out of this house, which has become unfit for further habitation, to the one we have been building while still living in this one.

My dear ones, my dear ones, who have passed on are just as near to me today as they were in their earth life. And those who know nothing of that blessed faith can know what a consolation it is.

Would like to hear from any of the sisters whose homes are in The Ozarks.

With love and sympathy for all shut-ins, I am your COMFORT sister.

MRS. K. C. FISHER, Atlanta, Lincoln Co., Nevada.

## DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

Will you admit a W. Va. sister into your merry circle? I enjoy your letters very much and find so many helpful hints in them. I am twenty-five years old. I have been married almost four years to a good husband and have two dear little girls. They are so much company for me and bring sunshine into the home. My husband is a building contractor.

Follinsbee is a new town just built in the last four years.

Mrs. Annie Brewer, I agree with you about tale bearers and gossipers in the saying "A still tongue makes a wise head."

Mrs. Helen Daniel asks for a remedy to prevent the hair from falling out. Here is one I have tried and find it to be very good. Make a strong solution of salt and water and boil thirty minutes. Cool, put in a bottle and keep corked tight. Rub on the scalp once a day until the hair stops falling.

Mrs. LATHA OUTLAND, Follinsbee, Box 427, W. Va.

## DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I have wanted to write for quite a while but never seemed to know much that would be of benefit.

Now I am asking for help from our corner where I am sure I won't call in vain.

I want to adopt a little girl between the age of six months and one year, either black or golden hair, black or blue eyes. Would prefer an orphan from a respectable family.

Mrs. JETT ADAMS, Care Camp 6, Hackley, Wis.

## DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

COMFORT is a grand paper. Uncle Charlie and our publisher are doing a grand work.

I wonder how many know that raw linseed oil and

linewater are good for a burn. My oldest child, a boy about three years old, fell into a tub of hot water and burned his back and one arm and that was all the doctor used.

I have been married almost seven years and have three children. I think we should teach the little ones to help us and praise them for it.

We live in town in the summer and go to the country for the winter as my husband is a painter and cannot afford to stop work when it gets cold, so we move where he can pick corn and be at home.

We go whenever it is good weather for a drive on Sunday as I love to get out and can't during the week.

Now let me tell you how we made money one summer when I was a little girl. We had a number of cows and sold cream, and kept the skim milk from which mother used to make cheese, flavoring it with salt and cream. She made it into cakes or balls about the size of an apple and we sold two for five cents. It was neatly placed on pie plates with a clean napkin over each plate and it looked very tempting. I went from house to house and sold it as "cottage" cheese. I soon had my regular customers and we sold over thirty dollars' worth that one summer.

We would appreciate the words to the song "Over the Tide," and "The Little Brown Church in the Vale," also letters from sisters of my own age, twenty-five years.

Mrs. Ed. MARSHALL, Albion, Nebr.

## DEAR COMFORT SISTERS:

I enjoy reading COMFORT very much and especially the Sisters' Corner.

I am a farmer's wife, and have lived on the farm all my life. I have seven girls, six at home and my oldest daughter is married. I also have two sweet little grandchildren.

I do all my work and send four of my children to school.

How many of the sisters use incubators and brooders? I do for one and I think it so much less work. I run my incubator and also set hens, and then take all the chickens and put in my brooder which is in a little warm house. When a storm comes I just go out and call my chickens, and they all run to me. They are then very easily put in the brooder, which I think is a great deal less trouble than hunting up hens. Just try it and you will never go back to the old way. Do not think that one has to go to the expense of buying brooders. I have two home-made ones that are kept warm with a lamp and can be made with very little expense.

I will give you my way of curing meat: After it has taken salt, wash and allow it to dry. Hang it in a good, tight place, a cave is fine, and smoke with green hickory wood until it is a golden brown. During the last day you smoke, take a small handful of sassafras and throw on the coals three or four times during the day, and you will never be bothered with bugs on your meat.

Do not allow the meat to stay in the cave any longer than is necessary for smoking, as it will mold. I keep my meat hung in a large dark box which I had made for the purpose.

How many of the sisters love flowers? I do and would be glad to receive bulbs or my kind of flowers that live over winter if any of you have them to spare.

My daughter Nellie would be pleased to have a shower on her birthday, May 12th.

I want to say to the sisters who have the little girl with infantile paralysis that I can sympathize with her for I, too, have a sweet little babe only seven months old that was stricken with that awful disease at the age of seven weeks. It left her leg paralyzed; other ways she is real well and very bright. Oh! how sad to think of one so young crippled for life.

Would be glad to hear from any of the sisters who care to write. With love and best wishes,

MRS. EVA (WARD) WHEELER, Memphis, Mo.

## DEAR MRS. WILKINSON AND SISTERS:

To me you seem like real personal friends and I wish I could know you all in reality for you are such a brave and helpful band.

To the shut-in, from whatever cause, I send an extra loving thought for I can sympathize with them as I, too, am a victim of shut-in, but not because of my own ill health I am very thankful to say. That, however, is a story by itself and not what prompted me to write this letter which I don't think would ever have been written were it not for certain words which Uncle Charlie frequently uses in making his plea for the poor and needy. The words are these: "Don't send them rags."

Now with all due respect for Uncle Charlie whom I admire greatly, I can't help saying that I guess Uncle Charlie doesn't know the possibilities of rags, and I'm wondering if all the COMFORT sisters have given it serious thought.

I know a woman who is noted for her goodness to those poorer than herself and yet about all she gives is Time, Thought and Rags. But you see the despised rags have disappeared when she gives them away. I have become all manner of warm, and yes, dainty garments, because she says "everybody likes pretty things," and although a bit of lace may not add to the comfort of the garment, it does to the looks and joy of the one who receives it. Many people who know of the good work she is doing send her their worn garments which would otherwise be thrown into the rag bag, and let me tell you there is not a scrap thrown away that is of any use whatever.

Perhaps a garment is so badly worn that the only good thing remaining is one half yard of lace on the sleeves. Well off it comes and is laid away, perhaps to later on put a finishing touch to some little dress. Night gowns, skirts, drawers, vests, etc., nearly always wear in such places that they can be cut over into a smaller garment of the same description. Lingerie underwear now so much in demand is very easy to make over into baby clothes as it is generally soft and dainty. If you can get a square of cotton cloth out of any part of the garment that will measure from twelve to eighteen inches across, don't throw it away but cut it out and save it. A pile of these squares are very acceptable when there is sickness and two stitched together will make a baby's diaper. Any wool garment which cannot be used in any other way can often be worked into patchwork. If you can find a square that is strong and of a good color (not faded), cut it out. Sew into strips the right length for a quilt. When you have strips enough sew them together for a "top" and when you have two of them sew one for a lining. Tie together as you would any comforter, only being woolen you will need no layer of cotton between and when soiled can be washed. I have three of these myself and have used them a number of years and all they cost me was the thread used in sewing them. Stockings which are too far gone to "make over" will often make good holders to use around the stove and the name of "hobby" pants. You can generally cut out good pieces large enough for this purpose.

Now, I'd like to write much more but fear I've already taken too much space, but if I've done any good I'm glad. Please sisters, sit up and use a little of your spare time and "old rags" and make some one happy.

Long may COMFORT live to bless and help humanity. It is truly what its name implies.

Mrs. SUSAN S. METCALF, 82 Cottage St., Norwood, Mass.

Mrs. Metcalf, Your letter is a good lesson on thrift and possibilities. From his point of view Uncle Charlie is quite right. There is a large class of destitute people to whom it is useless to give a cast-off garment with the idea of their ever making it wearable themselves. These people may be divided into two classes, those who lack the ability and those who are physically unable to make the most of such material, and it is in referring to both these classes that Uncle Charlie says "Don't send them rags."

The woman who is clever with her needle and knows the art of utility can surround herself and family with many comforts unknown to our less fortunate sisters.—Ed.

## DEAR COMFORT FRIENDS:

Words cannot express my appreciation for the kindness that was shown to my little girl by the COMFORT mothers and even by little children whose mothers were readers of COMFORT. I will keep in memory the kind letters and the many deeds of kindness.

Kind friends I am sure that my love for humanity has grown deeper and more lasting since this terrible affliction befell my child. The doctors of Raymond volunteered their services and straightened Melissa's legs and enclosed them in plaster of Paris. She suffered tortures during the six weeks that the

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# The Meaning of the Lilies

## An Easter Romance

By Arthur Wallace Peach

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As John Wells stepped from the barn, he saw Doctor Maxwell's familiar buggy hitched in front of the house. It had been a common sight for the last few months, but each time its appearance there made his heart jump, and he hurried in.

In the little, old-fashioned kitchen, he found the Doctor sitting near the cot of Graves, who had been his employer for many years. They were both quiet when he entered as if there had been a long silence between them. John knew something was wrong.

"How do you find him, Doc?" he asked anxiously.

The doctor moved his chair a little and spoke cheerily, but John could see that the cheeriness was forced. "Oh, he's coming along all right, eh, Dave?"

The old man in the cot turned his white head and smiled a swift, shadowy smile. "Yes, I guess so, Doc," he said.

Doctor Maxwell signalled to John and motioned him to the door, and after good by to the old man came out. His gray, weather-beaten face was softer. "John, something's got to be done; he's going—going; and I can't keep him. We've been friends since boyhood, and I don't want him to go—till I do. I can't seem to get at what is wrong. Do you know?"

"Know, Doc? Yes—I'm afraid I do." John paused and in the ante-room, they looked into each other's eyes as men look whose hearts are big, whose love is deep. "It's Bess. He sent her down to the city two years ago to study music, and she seems to be forgetting us—God! Doc—it hurts! him—and me! I—"

John stopped short.

"I know, my boy, go on."

"She used to write. Now she don't—hasn't for a month, then only little notes—excuses. Every mail he asks for a letter, and none—come. He lies there so quiet, don't complain; it's just eating his heart out to think—she's forgetting—she doesn't love him."

The doctor's face was sober, then it set in decisive thought. "John, she must come back! and you must bring her! and right away!"

John shook his head. "Look at me; she'd be ashamed of me."

"Bah! if I had your six feet, and your curly hair—I wouldn't feel that way, and you're more of a man than a pile of me. You bring her and we can save him. His disease I can master, but I can't heal a broken heart. Love, alone, can do that. I'll send somebody up to look out for him. Go and get back as soon as possible; every moment is valuable in such a case as his. Good by, boy, good by."

John went back into the kitchen and began to clear up and wash the supper dishes, for in the little hillside farmhouse, he was both hired man and housekeeper.

The old man lay quiet; he had been growing more quiet with the last weeks; his eyes held the still quiet that goes with resignation. Then as John put away the last shining dish, the old man said in his gentle, wavering voice, "John, take a look at those Easter lilies, will you? Any sign of blooming yet? Day after tomorrow is Easter, and I hope they'll open. Any sign yet?" he added eagerly.

John's heart ached; it was the question the old man had been asking again and again since the bulbs had broken and the green shoots started. He was a lover of the country, the trees, the fields where he had lived his life; and the lilies were to him a promise of spring. But John had to shake his head.

The old man went on, half in reverie, and John listened patiently as he had so often during the years. Mother used to say when I was a boy that she was sure His favorite flowers must have been the lilies, that they are emblems of love and life everlasting. Do you think so, John?" he queried.

"That's just what I think, Gramp," John answered, knowing his agreement would please; and the faint shadowy smile flitted again across the white face.

Then as John made ready for the night, he explained that the next day he must go to the city on business and that the Doctor would send someone up for him. The good nights were said, and John went up the creaking stairs to his simple room.

The old farmhouse was still under the healing peace of the hills, and its quiet was in his room but not its peace. Long he lay awake, thinking of Bess—bright-haired, care-free, happy Bess—how would he find her? Where would she be? How would she regard him? Her leave-taking had been joyous for her, but left a heart ache with "Gramp" and with him for he loved her; and in his love for her was all the untarnished beauty that goes with a big and manly soul. Once he thought she loved him, but now—

The letters—he could not think of them. She had always been careless of little things. It had been his earnings that kept her in the costly musical school, but she did not know it; if she had thought, she must have known that the resources of her father had long ago gone into medicine and treatment. Yet he was glad she did not know. It made the sacrifices he had borne sweeter. His dreams—of her—that was all there was left; and with the coming of sleep, a dream of her bright, golden head, her laughing eyes, her swift, sunshiny smile, went with him into dream-land.

Long before the birds were singing their morning hymns, the fast express that stopped at the little village only to quench the fiery, thirsty engine, was carrying him to the distant city. On arriving there, after much trouble he found her boarding place.

To his consternation, he was informed that they did not know where she was that afternoon, but a young fellow coming in, enlightened him.

"She's down at Hogan's Cafe with a bunch of them planned a swell theater party tonight. I suppose you're her country cousin come to visit her?" he added grinning.

John flushed, for there was insult in the man's tone. "Yes," he said, "I am a country friend, but I have not come to visit her. I have come to bring her back to her father who is slowly—dying; he needs her."

The other's face sobered. "That so—forgive me, old chap; some of us get thoughtless here in the city. Can't I help you? Say, suppose I take you down to the place; I am known there, and can fix things up for you."

The young fellow was eager; the manhood in him had answered the call of the manhood in John.

A cab was called and a little later they reached the Cafe. It was a gorgeous place; the lights were glowing softly, for it was a gray day and the afternoon was drawing late.

After a brief word with the headwaiter, his new friend motioned John to follow. "They're in a private room," he said.

As he went down between the shining tables in the open room, faces turned curiously to him, but John did not care. He was going to see her—the girl he loved, his little Bess of the hills. Would she return with him? He wondered. He had not time to think more when his friend motioned him into a little room.

John stepped in. The air was heavy with cigarette smoke; the table was loaded with shining ware and sparkling glasses; around it were seated three men and three women, and one of them—was she!

She had started to her feet, her eyes blue and

wide and startled. "John!" she cried in a strange, choking voice.

"Bess!" he said, breathlessly.

Then silence fell as they looked into each other's eyes.

One of the men at the table jumped up quickly, and came toward him scowling. "Well, what do you want here? Say it and—beat it!"

After the first shock, John was cool and he kept so. "I have business with Miss Graves—not you."

The man slowed up. "Make it fast!"

She had come over to him and her face was becoming hard. "John, this is no place to call on me; go back to the house, and in the morning—"

A pang of pain twinged his heart. "Bess, I didn't come to call on you; but Doctor Maxwell says if you don't come home immediately, your father will die—will slip away from us. He wants you, and I have come for you—for him."

"Father—dying!" she whispered. The rigid lines of her face softened; shock after shock seemed to go through her, bringing realization, opening in her heart things she had been forgetting. She clasped her hands and started.

"Wait," the dark man interrupted, "it may not be as bad as that—go tomorrow; you'll put the whole affair tonight on the blink. Come—it's too late tonight to go, now, anyway—come."

He reached for her arm, and the others joined in. The dark man's face was smiling, alluringly. She looked into it strangely, as if it had some power over her.

John's heart was fired; the sight of them pleading to keep a girl from her father for the sake of their selfish pleasure angered him, and in his voice rose his inner wrath. "You contemptible crew, would you keep a girl from those who love her more than all else in the world?"

"What's that?" The dark man advanced threateningly.

With the swiftness of ready strength, John hurled him backward into a chair. The man started up, but one of the others held him, saying, "Don't be a fool, Ted, he could crack your head like a peanut."

John turned to her, a strange sense of power and command thrilling him, conscious that he was master, feeling for the first time, the tremendous silent influence of strong manhood which rules no matter in what dress. In her eyes resting on him was a little gleam of light that stirred him—the light of pride, but it faded.

"Bess, shall—" he left the rest unsaid.

"Yes, I'll go." She went with him, without a word of farewell to the others.

In the cab, after his helping friend had bade them good by, she leaned toward him. "John, hurry me home just as fast as you can."

He saw lines in her face whose meaning he could not fathom, but he said simply, "We'll take the night express."

So it came about that later he found himself sitting beside her in the quiet coach of the fast train. She was looking out into the fast fading twilight. She had changed, but the curling tendrils of golden hair still peeped out beneath

her hat and the curve of her cheeks was the same; but—there was a difference. She seemed to be under some great strain, and he thought it due to her feeling for her father's condition.

"Bess, Doc said that all 'Gramp' needed was you, so don't worry too much," he said, knowing that he was stumbling in his attempt to ease her mind, but feeling that something should be done.

"John, that isn't all; that makes me feel as if I do—father's condition; it isn't that—it is—"

Then she was silent.

Her words stung John deeply. What was it, he asked himself; and the answer rushed into his mind—because she did not want to leave her city life, her good times, come back to the quiet old farm unless it was a matter of dire necessity.

What else could it be? He found no other solution. The pain of the thought seemed to wrench and tear something inside of him, and he turned his eyes outward into the deepening night.

Swiftly the miles sped away; through slumbering cities and villages with clamor and rattle of rails the express swept. The hours passed; the night drew on to the closing moments of the day; and each kept silent. Then penetrating into the turmoil of his weary, wondering brain came the drawing voice of the brakeman calling their destination—the dear home name.

He looked at her thinking she might have dozed, but she turned with a pale little smile.

"Home," she said, softly.

He nodded.

It was about midnight, but John secured his team; and they started off for the drive of a few miles to the house. How sweet to him sounded the brooks, the wind through the trees, the soft thud of the horse's hoofs—it all blended into his thoughts to soothe and heal the feverish wounds in his heart and mind. He loved her with all the love he was capable of—still.

She was silent on the ride, and his own heart was too full for speech. But the silence between them was tense with meaning—the unseen, but bitterly real struggle of thoughts and feelings.

Side by side they rode over the familiar miles, and at last he turned into the moonlit yard of the barn. His horse whinnied softly, and back from the barn came the welcoming answer of a mate. He assisted her to step from the carriage; as he did so, she suddenly relaxed against him, and John saw that she was crying softly and brokenly. It unnerved him, and he did not think but spoke what was in his mind. "Don't feel bad, Bess, you can go back to your music later, and—your friends; you don't have to give up your career."

She straightened rigidly in front of him. "Go back!" she repeated.

"Come," he said hurriedly before she could speak again, fearful for himself, "let's go in to Gramp. He doesn't sleep much nights—rests during the day. Oh, Bess, he will be glad to see you—you don't know how much!"

"Wait," he said to her, and went into the kitchen. The old man stirred and said sleepily, "You, Johnnie boy, little bit tired, eh?"

He motioned her to come in. She came, trembling. John turned higher the soft evening lamp. "Gramp, someone to see you," he said, his voice ringing in spite of himself.

The old man stared, then raised himself, and ran his shaking fingers across his eyes. "Johnnie boy, am I—am I—dreaming?" he gasped breathlessly, fearfully, "Is it a—dream?"

"Oh, Daddy, Daddy!" Into her cry went the love that springs from the inmost recesses of the heart—a plea for forgiveness, for hope, for compassion; the cry of a little girl longing for the warm shelter of the arms of love.

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John tiptoed out. Outside he looked up to the stars that had so often comforted him with their calmness and peace; and in the joy that had come to the man he loved, some of his own hurt was healing.

As he stepped into the barn, warm noses were thrust out for his customary greeting, and he did not forget, but the old glad joy was not present. After finishing his work, he started back when she came into the glowing circle of his lantern. She looked as she did in his dreams—her hair was shimmering gold under the soft light—he dropped his lantern, his fingers suddenly numb.

She came directly to him and looked up into his face. "John, do you want me to go back?"

"Bess!"

She went on rapidly as if afraid that her feelings would master her speech. "Oh, John, my heart has been breaking these last months; you were so still. I know I have done wrong, John, but I was not happy there; I couldn't seem to get away—something held—I have done nothing there that was wicked—when you came and called me—and stood there—so strong and—John, something seemed to be torn right off my eyes and out of my life. I knew then it was the hills and the old place where people love me truly, where I could be happy among my own. I knew then—how good you had been—to me—and father—told me, John, her voice trembled and sank, "will you forgive me?"

His mind seemed dazed; he had misunderstood—that much was clear. "Bess, there is nothing to forgive. I love you more than—"

With a rush her arms went around his neck tight; she pulled his head down to her bright eyes, and kissed him.

When they entered the kitchen, she pulled John down beside her father and with their arms around each other and him, she told the good news.

In the midst of his happy congratulations, the old man stared suddenly. "John! John!—I smell—"

"—he sniffed—"get 'em! get 'em!" he added eagerly.

John had already gone for the lilies which he had put in a side room where the sunlight could touch them; and back he came with the jar of lilies—abloom!

"Gramp" buried his face in them, drawing great breaths of the delicate perfume. He looked up—"And it's Easter, too, John! Bess!"

John took the heavy jar from his feeble hands, and he leaned back. "Yes," he went on serenely, "I think they are His favorite flowers—symbols of love triumphant over death, love that comes to heal our wounded hearts, join us after separation bringing the spring—love—that's what the lilies mean." He turned to where they rose perfect and pure.

"That's what they mean—love, dear," she said in her low, sweet voice, looking up into John's misty eyes, "the awakening of love that shall never fade in the heart of a girl who forgot."

The old man leaned back and smiled up to them from his white pillows. And the fragrance of the lilies filled the room like the peace that follows prayer.



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# The Pretty Girls' Club

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## What to Do When You Sit for Your Photograph

**M**OST women hate having their pictures taken, and I don't wonder. So many times the first batch of proofs are impossible and then you have all the anxiety and fussing over again. Occasionally one is so unfortunate as to have to go through the ordeal three times before the proofs are pronounced good. No wonder women don't like to have their photographs taken. Men are different. They are in a rush always and waste no thought on such trivial things as photographs. When they want to give their picture to their best girl they rush into the nearest photograph gallery and out again, the whole affair taking about five minutes and their pictures are usually good! That's the exasperating part of it. But it isn't because men are any smarter than women—we all agree on that don't we? If the sterner sex had to bother with ruffles and marcelled hair, they would not have such an easy time of it, I know.

And now I want to give you some advice about how to have your photograph taken. I really know a great deal about it because I have had my picture taken several hundred times, and in addition to that, all the illustrations that are used in my articles are posed by me. Don't you sympathize with me? Sometimes in one morning I pose my model for ninety or a hundred pictures! I am telling you this so you won't think me conceited when I say I know heaps about picture taking.

Now let me give you my ideas on having "your picture took."

First be careful to go to the very best photographer in your town. He may charge a wee bit more but it is worth it. The cheaper man would probably pose you poorly and finish the pictures up badly so by all means go to the photographer who does work so well that he just has to charge more to pay for all the time he is willing to devote to giving you a stunning picture. Photographs last a long time, so they should be just as pretty as you and the photographer can make them. It isn't as if you had a picture taken every week or two. The ordinary woman doesn't have herself photographed oftener than every two or three years, and deserves something especially good when she does make up her mind to go through this trying ordeal.

If you are going to the photographers tomorrow, the first question you should ask yourself is "what shall I wear?" Wear the most becoming simple dress you have. I say simple because a dress all covered with furbelows and flounces and with extreme sleeves is sure to make you look "fussy" in the photograph. Don't, if possible, wear a dress that is made in an extreme fashion, as fashions change and then anyone looking up your picture will say "what a crazy looking woman." Haven't you often laughed over the balloon sleeves of a few years back? And don't the photographs of that year all look silly? Of course they do. Don't you make that mistake. You want a picture of you, not a hobbled skirt or a surprise sleeve. Some of the very prettiest photographs I have ever seen are taken by a famous artist who drapes the shoulders of his sitters in white or black gauze or has them pictured in some simple little house-dress.

Another thing. Don't wear a hat when you sit for your picture. It makes your face look dark and masculine and causes wrinkles and other beauty defects to show up in a most alarming manner. This causes more work for the photographer, as he has to "touch up" all the blemishes and charges you a higher price accordingly. Also there is another reason why a hat should not be worn in a picture that you intend to keep for "always" as the children say. The women who are photographed this winter wearing the fashionable sugar-loaf-scoop or peach basket hats will be ashamed of their pictures next year. Nothing looks so absolutely ridiculous as a hat that has gone out of fashion. If you don't want your pictures to be laughed at a year from now, hang your hat on a hook before you enter the photographer's work room. If you simply must wear a hat, then the lingerie hat is permissible as it never goes out of style.

I suppose you will begin to grumble and look cross when I say you should not powder your face before having your picture taken. I am not going to give you the reason for this, as it is so scientific that I hardly understand it myself, and am afraid that I would get all muddled up trying to explain. I am going to content myself with saying that the best photographers in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago all say that they get a much prettier picture when the face is not powdered. Pretty pictures are what you want, so don't powder.

Correct dressing of the hair is of the utmost importance when getting ready to have your photograph taken. Don't make the mistake—as so many women do—of dressing your pretty tresses for the occasion in some absolutely new way. If your friends are accustomed to seeing you with your hair parted, they won't appreciate a picture of you with pempadoured hair, half so much as one where you look as they are used to seeing you. This doesn't mean that a change in your way of wearing the hair is tabooed, but that you should make the change a few weeks before being photographed, so you will be absolutely sure it is becoming and that your friends like the new style.



PRETTY PICTURES ARE WHAT YOU WANT. DON'T POWDER.



A LARGE HAT DARKENS THE FACE.

Don't wear a hat, as this year's head gear looks ridiculous next year. Don't strike strained attitudes. Forget you are in front of the camera and assume an easy, natural position. Once your position is taken, hold it. If you move ever so slightly the picture will be blurred.

## Rules for the Girl Who Wants to Be Photographed

Don't wear a hat, as this year's head gear looks ridiculous next year. Don't strike strained attitudes. Forget you are in front of the camera and assume an easy, natural position. Once your position is taken, hold it. If you move ever so slightly the picture will be blurred.

Don't smile unless you have pretty teeth and a small mouth.

If you have a pretty neck and arms, wear a Dutch neck waist and short sleeves. A slight décolletée is becoming to all but the extremely thin woman. She must wear long sleeves and high collars if she wants to look her best.

A full length picture is generally unsatisfactory unless you have an excellent figure and stand well. Bust or three quarter pictures are prettiest.

If your eyebrows and lashes are thin and pale, darken them with an eyebrow pencil. You will take a lovely picture if you do this.

The woman with a thin-lipped mouth should deepen the color with rouge skillfully applied to the center of both lips.

Now you are all forewarned, and if your next pictures are a failure, it won't be because I haven't tried to show you the way in which you should go.

## Questions Answered

**A. M. L.**—You can use yellow vaseline, with good results, for sores and burns, also as a hair grower for scalp and eyebrows. I do not think it would help chilblains. The exercise in which you keep the knees rigid and bend to the ground, will lengthen your waistline. Practice it for ten minutes, three times a day. Also invest in a straight front, long hip, low-busted corset.

**Flossie.**—I'm glad that I have been the means of your obtaining pretty eyelashes and brows. Now as regards the remedy you mention, you can take my word for it that in all probability it would not kill your superfluous hair. Also this remedy is not sold by any druggists in this city so I could not secure it for you.

**Norman's and Will's Sweetheart.**—A girl of fourteen is too young to wear a corset. As regards the second question, it does not belong in my department and I should not answer it if it did. Incidentally I will say that your mother should give you a good spanking for thinking of such things.

**Miss R. W.**—You should practice self-control. It is not at all necessary for you to sit down and eat until you become nauseated. You are twenty-three and old enough to control yourself if you really wish to do so. There is no excuse for gluttony and I cannot sympathize with you at all. Brace up and quit eating until you "almost burst."

**Mrs. G. W. S., Bernice and others.**—Your name is familiar but I haven't the slightest idea what hair tonic you refer to. Three years is a long time and I have received and answered thousands of letters since last hearing from you. I am printing two formulas below. The hair pomade is the best, but perhaps you may think it too greasy. The tonic or pomade is to be massaged into the scalp for twenty minutes every night.

## Hair Ointment

White vaseline, three ounces; Castor oil (cold drawn), one and one half ounces; gallic acid, one and three fourths drams; oil of lavender, thirty drops.

## Quinine Tonic for Hair

Sulphate of quinine, twenty grains; tincture of cantharides (alcoholic), two drams; extract of Jaborandi, two drams; deodorized alcohol, two drams; glycerine, one ounce; bay rum, five ounces, elder-flower water sufficient to make a pint.

**Troubled Sister, Elderly woman, Mrs. W.**—Discovered and others.—As your hair is so split you should clip off the cracked ends, as otherwise your pretty locks will not grow any longer. I am printing a hair restorative but I cannot guarantee the results. It is hard work fighting against nature and success is never sure. I think myself that a nightly massage of the scalp with pomade given Mrs. G. W. S., and the daily use of the electric comb, will bring better results than a restorative.

## Hair Restorer

Citrate of iron, two drams; nix vomica, two drams; cocoon oil, one and one half ounces; bay rum, two ounces.

**Miss Janet, Vanity, Janet, Mrs. J., Miss F., Girlie, Gurlane, Miss Sue and others.**—I do not answer letters personally. Following is formula for a pimple lotion:

Precipitate of sulphur, one dram; tincture of camphor, one dram; rose water, four ounces. Apply several times a day. As your hands are cracked and rough, I would suggest your rubbing into them a soothing ointment. Formula for such a one runs as follows:

## Chapped Hands Ointment

Cocoa-butter, one ounce; oil of sweet almonds, one ounce; oxide of zinc, one dram; borax, on edram; oil of bergamot, six drops.

Heat the cocoa-butter and oil of almonds in a double boiler, and when thoroughly blended add the zinc and borax; stir as it cools and add the oil of bergamot last. A tanned or sunburned face should be washed twice daily with sour milk. After six or seven of these treatments the facial skin should become as white as a lily. You should get toilet vinegar. It can be gotten of any good druggist. Dampen hair while dressing it with the following lotion. The effect will be to wave the hair slightly all over the head.

## Magic Curling Fluid

Carbonate of potash, one and one quarter drams; powdered cochineal, one half dram; ammonia-water, one dram; extract of violet, four drams; glycerine, two ounces; rectified spirits, one and one half ounces; distilled or violet water, one pint.

**Mrs. H. G. S.**—I do not answer letters personally. It has been reported to me by various readers of COMFORT that the dyeing appliance you mention gives good results. As regards the injury to the hair, constant use of any dye will finally cause a deterioration of the hair structure.

**Happy.**—I do not think the formula mentioned would prove injurious. Massage the lips lightly. I cannot say how long it will be before you note an improvement.

**Mrs. J. S. S.**—See Hair Restorer note to Troubled Sister. The hair ointment mentioned by you did not darken my hair, which is a reddish brown. A good quinine tonic was given to Mrs. G. W. S.

**Christine, Mrs. Worried, Husband's Pet and others.**—Yes, I do know of a party who can, with one treat-

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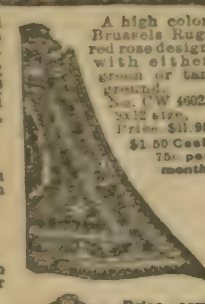
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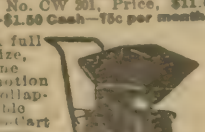
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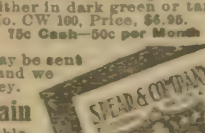
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ment, wave your hair in such a way that it will stay in curl for one year. The cost for the treatment is thirty dollars, so you see it is quite expensive to have permanently curly hair. I cannot, for very obvious reasons, give addresses in these columns.

COMFORT Reader, Summer Girl, Found Wanting, A Widow, Miss Gent and others.—If you want to written a red neck use the following bleach:

## Cleopatra Neck Bleach

One ounce strained honey, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, six drops of oil of bitter almonds, whites of two eggs. Enough fine oatmeal to make a fine paste. Spread this thickly on a piece of cotton cloth, three inches in width, and tie as a bandage around the throat. Four or five of these applications should bleach the neck to a satin whiteness. Remember this is not a face bleach and that oil of bitter almonds is a poison and must not be swallowed or left in the reach of children.

You should massage cheeks and throat for twenty minutes nightly with an astringent cream as this will firm the flabby skin and strengthen the relaxed muscles.

## Aromatic Astringent Massage Cream

Oil of sweet almonds, three ounces; oil of bitter almonds, ten grains; balsam of tolu, two grains; benzoin, two grains; essence of lemon, two drops; essence of cajuput, two drops.

The resins are powdered and triturated in the oils, keep at a gentle heat for twenty-four hours; then separate from the sediments and add the essential oils. When massaging remember to use a very light pressure and rub across all lines. The cheeks must be massaged upward from the point of the chin to the temples. In the morning, after bathing the face in warm water, dash on quantities of cold water, then moisten face with the following astringent.

## Hazel Lotion for Flabby Skin

Tincture of benzoin, fifteen drops; hamamelis water, fifteen drops; orange flower water, one ounce.

Should the flesh under the chin be very flabby, you should saturate a folded strip of cloth with almond oil at night, and pass this bandage under chin, tying ends on top of head. Do not remove the supporting chin belt until morning.

## Alum Chin Astringent

Dissolve a piece of alum the size of a large pea in a quart of ice-water.

**Casper.**—The well-known Doctor Shoemaker says to take five grain doses of sulphur three times a day during a considerable length of time. As to the iron, get a bottle of iron tonic and ask the druggist to tell you the ordinary dose.

**Mrs. E. M. W. Herbie, Miss X., Mrs. Will, Lolla, Jolly Girl, Bald Headed Wife and others.**—Read the advertisements in COMFORT very carefully and I think you will find an advertisement concerning the preparation mentioned by you. I am so sorry but for obvious reasons I could not give address. To banish the dandruff, which is doubtless responsible for your falling hair, saturate scalp every other night with sweet almond oil. Tie head up in a heavy towel—so bed linen will not become soiled—and go to bed. In the morning give your head a thorough shampoo with hot water and the following soap jelly:

## Soap Jelly Shampoo

Pare one cake of Castile soap into three cups of water to which has been added one teaspoonful of powdered borax. Boil until mixture jellies. Put in Rinsed lather out of the hair and dry in the sun.

After several of these treatments the dandruff should disappear. Dandruff is principally caused by neglect. You are very apt to have dandruff unless you wash your hair frequently and see that every bit of grime and lather is rinsed out before drying.

**Miss Mary S.**—I was ill with nerve trouble and anemia for several years, but I grew strong and well through drinking milk. I went to bed and stayed there for two solid months and every day I drank six quarts of rich, sweet, cow's milk. I took a glass every half hour during the day, from the time I woke up, until the milk was exhausted. I gained from three to six pounds of firm, healthy flesh every week. I gained about seven inches in the bust and after the first few days, slept soundly, which I had not done for three years. You do not need to go to bed, however. Simply drink four quarts of rich milk daily and eat one simple meal. Sin each glassful of milk very, very slowly and guard against constipation for the first two weeks. This diet not only restores disordered nerves to health, gives one a good pure blood supply, puts on flesh and develops the bust,

but beautifies the complexion in an extraordinary degree. I cannot speak too highly of it.

**Mrs. Nora, Tired Girlie, Mrs. A. B., Lady Mollie, Bartie and others.**—Do not try to get any of those preparations. I am giving you a remedy which I hope will prove successful, as it is horrid to have the face in such a painful condition. Every night soak the feet for fifteen minutes in a bowl of hot water, into which you have thrown a teaspoonful of powdered borax. When the time is up, remove any part of the horny skin that is sufficiently softened. This can be done easily. Afterwards paint the corn with the following remedy:

## Collodion Corn Lotion

Sallerlic acid, one gram; tincture of cannabis indica, one half gram; alcohol, ninety per cent., one gram; ether, sixty-five per cent., two and one half grams; collodion elastique, five drams.

Apply with a camel-hair brush every night for two weeks, at the end of which time, after a half hour's soaking in hot water, it is said that the whole

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## I WAS A SIGHT FROM SUPERFLUOUS HAIR I Cured It Quickly So It Never Returned.

I Will Send Free To Any Other Woman the Secret of How They Too Can Remove all Trace

For years I was the victim of a horrid hair growth on my face. I knew I was a sight and every time I met another woman with this "mannish" mark and saw how it spoiled her looks, I became the more distracted, for I had tried all the pastes, powders, liquids, and other "hair-removers," seemingly highly endorsed, that I had ever heard of, but always with the same unsatisfactory result. My time, money and patience were about exhausted, when a friend persuaded me to try a secret from Japan, almost against my will, for I had little faith owing to former experiences.

What was my amazement when I found that it actually did what was claimed for it. It was so simple that it took but a few minutes time to work a complete transformation in my appearance. Any woman who is troubled with superfluous hair can readily appreciate what a difference it would make to her looks if it were removed, for no woman can be beautiful if she is afflicted with a hairy growth on her face, neck or arms. My experience with this wonderful remedy was so remarkable that I feel it my duty to put my sensitive feelings aside and tell my experience to my sisters in distress, in order that they may profit by it, and not waste their time and money on worthless "concoctions" as I did.

Therefore, to any lady who will write me within the next few days and who will send me a two-cent stamp for actual return postage, I will send quite free in a plain, sealed envelope, full information which will enable you to forever end all trace of embarrassing hair by the wonderful method that cured me. Address your letter, Mrs. Caroline Osgood, 554 B. V. Custom House St., Providence, R. I.







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# IN & AROUND The HOME

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## Terms Used in Crochet

Ch. chain; ch. st. chain stitch; s. c. single crochet; d. c. double crochet (thread over once); tr. c. treble crochet (thread over twice); l. c. long crochet (thread over three times); l. c. long crochet; r. st. roll stitch; l. loop; p. p. p. roll p. roll; r. st. roll stitch; k. st. knot stitch; sts. stitches; blk. block; sps. spaces; \* stars mean that the directions given between them should be repeated as indicated before proceeding.

## Terms Used in Knitting

K. knit plain; o. over; o. 2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; k. p. knit plain; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

## Terms Used in Tatting

D. s. double stitch; p. picot; l. p. long picot; ch. chain; d. k. double knot; pkt. picot and knot together. \* indicates a repetition.

## Drawnwork Table Cover

**E**ITHER Indian head or linen are best adapted for this table cover. Tear or cut the material by a thread, then allow for a two and one-half or three-inch hem; turn and baste. Next draw threads until there is a two-inch space. Hemstitch either side of this and then knot the groups of threads as shown, or work in any pattern preferred.

In each corner mark off circles three inches in diameter. Buttonhole closely all around, then fill in by crossing from side to side, using an even number of threads. Work from the center out, weaving under and over the threads as usual. After working a small center, divide the threads into six equal groups, and weave into arns as shown; diminish on one side only drawing ten threads at a time.

In doing this work one should be careful to keep their hands free from moisture, as sometimes it is very difficult to whiten if the thread becomes soiled in the making. One should also be careful about counting, as the beauty of this work depends much upon the evenness and care with which it is done. A nicely worked piece is very durable and truly a joy forever, for drawnwork is one variety of fancy-work which is always in style.

## Diamond Lace

Chain 36 stitches, turn.  
1st row.—1 tr., ch. 2, repeat 3 times, making in all 5 sps., 7 tr. or 2 blks., ch. 2, 1 tr., repeat, making 3 sps., ch. 2, 2 tr., ch. 4, 1 tr., ch. 4, turn.

2nd row.—1 tr. under ch. 4, ch. 4, fan on fan, 4 sps., 4 blks., 4 sps., ch. 4, turn.

3rd row.—3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., fan on fan, ch. 3, 1 s. c., ch. 4, 1 d. c., ch. 4, turn.

4th row.—2 sps., ch. 2, fan on fan, 2 sps., 7 blks., 2 sps., ch. 4, turn.

5th row.—3 sps., 2 blks., 1 sp., 2 blks., 3 sps., fan on fan, 2 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., ch. 4, turn.

6th row.—1 sp., 3 blks., 1 sp., ch. 2, fan on fan, 4 sps., 3 blks., 4 sps., ch. 4, turn.

7th row.—5 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., fan on fan, 2 sps., 5 blks., 1 sp., ch. 4.

8th row.—8 sps., fan on fan, sps. to end of row.

9th row.—Like first row to the fan, then finish like seventh row only making extra sps.  
10th row.—Like sixth row to fan, making necessary extra sps., then finish like second row.

11th row.—Like third to fan, then finish with extra sps. and one blk.

12th row.—All sps. to fan and so on.  
Finish the point by making a scallop all around.

## A Bedspread

A reader who has been an invalid for the past few months writes of a spread which she has designed. Forty-two blocks each four and one-quarter inches square will be needed; on each

## Medallion Insertion in Plain Crochet

Make a chain of 58 chain stitches. A single in the 10th chain from the needle (ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next 5th ch.), repeat four times; now a shell of 6 d. c. in the 3rd chain fastened down with a single in the next 3rd chain; (ch. 5, 1 s. c. in 5th chain) repeat four times; ch. 2, 1 d. c. 2nd row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first sp. of ch. 5, (ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next space) repeat three times; a shell of 6 d. c. on the s. c. before the shell where it is fastened; do not fasten this shell but ch. 10 and make a tr. c. on the center of the



MEDALLION INSERTION.

shell in first row, again ch. 10 and a shell on the s. c. on end of shell below, fasten this shell down with a single on next space; (ch. 5, s. c. on next space), repeat four times.

3rd row.—Ch. 7, s. c. in 1st sp., (ch. 5, s. c. in next sp.) repeat three times; shell before shell in the s. c. fasten on top of shell below, ch. 7,

after shell made in the last double of the shell below as these shells are not fastened down on the receding side of the medallion; ch. 7, 17 s. c. in a row, ch. 7, shell before shell made in the first d. c. of shell below, fasten on top of shell, ch. 5, 1 s. c. on end sp., ch. 2 and a d. c. on this edge to make a half sp.

13th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in ch. 5 sp., ch. 5, 1 s. c. on top of shell, shell after shell as before, ch. 7, 15 s. c. in a row, ch. 7, shell before shell, ch. 5, 1 s. c. in sp., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

14th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c., ch. 5, 1 s. c. on shell, shell after shell, ch. 7, 13 s. c., ch. 7, shell before shell, two ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

15th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., two ch. 5 sps., shell after shell, ch. 7, 11 s. c., ch. 7, shell before shell, two ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

16th row.—Ch. 7, s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., two ch. 5 sps., shell after shell, ch. 7, 9 s. c., ch. 7, shell before shell, three ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

17th row.—Ch. 7, s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., three ch. 5 sps., shell after shell, ch. 7, 7 s. c., ch. 7, shell before shell, three ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

18th row.—Ch. 7, s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., three ch. 5 sps., shell after shell, 1 tr. c. in the center of the 7 s. c., shell before shell, four ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end.

19th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in sp., four ch. 5 sps., a shell between shells, four ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and d. c. on end. Repeat from 2nd row.

A. O. L. WERTMAN.

## Round Pointed Crochet Lace

Chain 12 stitches, turn.

1st row.—Shell of 3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c. in 5th st., ch. 7, shell of 3 d. c., ch. 2, 3 d. c. in 12 st., ch. 5, turn.

2nd row.—Shell in shell, ch. 3, catch in center of ch. 7 of 1st row, ch. 3, shell in shell, ch. 5, turn.

3rd and 4th row.—Same as first row.

5th row.—Same as second row.

6th and 7th row.—Same as third and fourth row.

8th row.—Same as fifth row.

9th and 10th row.—Same as sixth and seventh row.

11th row.—Shell in shell, ch. 3, catch in center ch. 7, shell in shell, ch. 5, catch in ch. 5, between ninth and tenth rows, ch. 10 catch in ch. 5 between seventh and eighth rows, ch. 10 catch in ch. 5 between fifth and sixth rows, ch. 10 catch in next ch. 5, turn.

12th row.—12 s. c. under each of 3 ch. of 10, turn.

13th row.—6 s. c. in first 6 s. c. of previous



TABLE COVER IN DRAWNWORK.

By Mrs. J. R. McBrayer.

s. c. 7 in a row so they are even on both sides of the tr. c. below; ch. 7, s. c. on top of next shell, shell after shell in the s. c., fasten on next sp., (ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next sp.) repeat three times; (ch. 2 and 1 d. c. on the d. c. below, this last makes a half space on this end always.

4th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in 1st sp., (ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next sp.) repeat twice; a shell before shell, fasten on top of shell, ch. 7, 9 s. c. over the 7, 1 being made before and 1 after in the ch. 7, (the same in the other rows as long as the center increases); ch. 7, s. c. on top of shell, shell after shell (ch. 5, s. c. in next sp.), repeat three times.

5th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first sp., ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next sp., ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next sp., shell before shell, ch. 7, 11 s. c. over 9, ch. 7, 1 s. c. on top of shell, shell after shell, two ch. 5 sps., ch. 2 and 1 s. c. on end of d. c.

6th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., ch. 5, 1 s. c. in next, shell before shell, ch. 7, 13 s. c. over 11, ch. 7, shell after shell, two ch. 5 sps.

7th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first sp., ch. 5, s. c. in next sp., shell before shell, ch. 7, 15 s. c. over 13, ch. 7, shell after shell, one ch. 5 sp., ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

8th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first ch. 5 sp., shell before shell, ch. 7, 17 s. c. over 15, ch. 7, shell after shell, ch. 5, 1 s. c. on end sp.

9th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. in first sp., shell before shell, ch. 7, 19 s. c. over 17, ch. 7, shell after shell, ch. 2 and d. c. on end d. c.

10th row.—Shell before shell, ch. 7, 7 s. c. in a row beginning with one before the 19, ch. 7, skip 7, s. c., ch. 7, shell after shell.

11th row.—Ch. 7, 1 s. c. on top of shell (on this end the shells go after shells now and on other end they go before), shell after shell, ch. 7, 19 s. c. across center, ch. 7, shell before shell, ch. 2 and d. c. on end.

12th row.—Ch. 7, s. c. on top of shell, shell

row, ch. 10 catch in sixth s. c. of next loop, ch. 10, catch in sixth s. c. of next loop, turn.

14th row.—12 s. c. under each ch. 10, turn.

15th row.—6 s. c. in first six sts., ch. 10, catch in sixth st. of next loop, turn.

16th row.—12 s. c. under ch. 10 and 6 s. c. in remaining 6 s. c. of two previous rows, ch. 5, catch in ch. 5 between first and second rows.

17th row.—1 d. c. under ch. 5, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in third st., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in 5 sts. continue all around.



ROUND POINTED CROCHET LACE.

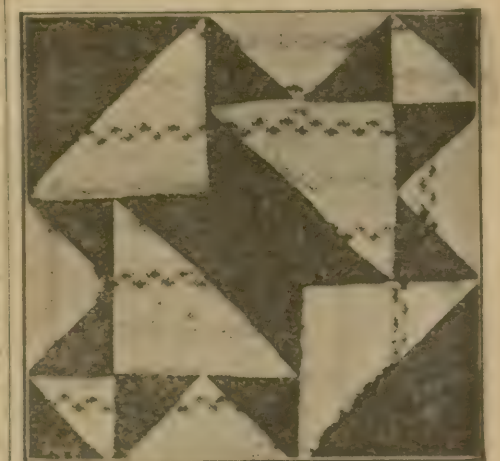
18th row.—1 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. under each, ch. 2 of previous row.

19th row.—Ch. 7, form picot by catching in

5 st., ch. 2, 1 s. c. under ch. 2 in last row, repeat around scallop, then shell in shell and continue as before. MISS DEANAH PAULSON.

## The Double Basket

This patchwork design is made of two colors; match pieces and a strip between each row. It is

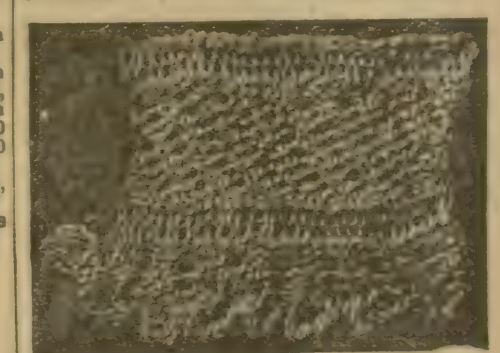


DOUBLE BASKET.

more desirable made of plain colors. The pattern is an original one. ANNIE L. FRAZER.

## Barberry Leaf Lace and Insertion

Cast on 25 stitches. Knit across once plain.  
1st row.—Slip 1, knit 2, over narrow, knit 5, over narrow, knit 1.  
2nd row.—K. 3, p. 1, k. 2, p. 1, k. 3, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.  
3rd row.—(K. 2, o. n.) 3 times, k. 4, o. n., k. 3, (o. 2 n.) twice, k. 1.



BARBERRY LEAF LACE AND INSERTION.

4th row.—K. 3, p. 1, k. 2, p. 1, k. 5, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

5th row.—Sl. 1, (k. 2, o. n., k. 3, o. n.) twice k. 5, (o. 2 n.) twice, k. 1.

6th row.—K. 3, p. 1, k. 2, p. 1, k. 7, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

7th row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 4, o. n., (k. 2, o. n.) twice, k. 12.

8th row.—Bind off 6, k. 7, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

## Insertion

To make an insertion cast on twenty stitches, knit across plain.

1st row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 1, o. n., k. 2, o. n., k. 5, o. n., k. 1, turn.

2nd row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

3rd row.—Sl. 1, (k. 2, o. n.) 3 times, k. 4, n., k. 1, turn.

4th row.—Sl. 1, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

5th row.—Sl. 1, (k. 2, o. n., k. 3, o. n.) twice, k. 1, turn.

6th row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

7th row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 4, o. n., (k. 2, o. n.) twice, k. 1, turn.

8th row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. n., k. 12, o. n., k. 1.

Use No. 20 thread and fine knitting needles.

MRS. A. JOSEPH.

## Tufted Embroidery

For this work a frame is required to which the material to be worked must be firmly tacked, right side down. A special needle

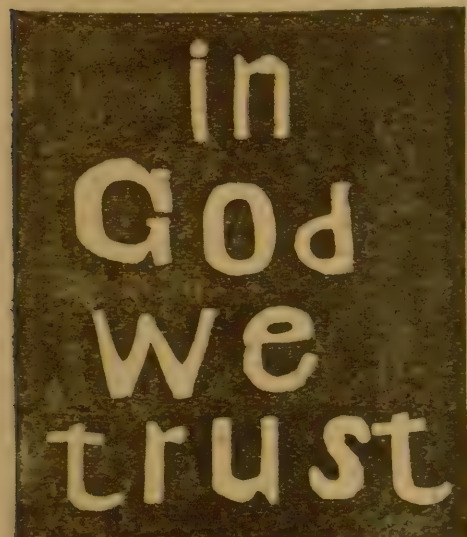


TUFTED LILIES.

comes for doing the work. After the material is stretched, lay a perforated pattern on the wrong side and sprinkle with chalk or whiting then the lines

can be gone over with pencil or crayon. Thread the needle with the wool to be used and take stitches closely together from one side to the other of the center line of any form, and working over and over gradually fill in solid from outline to outline. Afterwards cut through the center of the work, on the right side, and then trim off evenly. Plush velvet or heavy woolen goods are suitable materials for this work. Lamp mats, rugs and carriage robes can be decorated in this manner.

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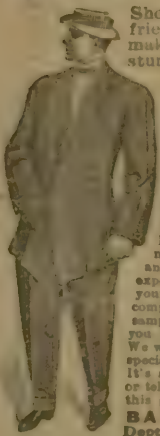


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of these applied as a motto, such as "Seek and Ye Shall Find," "God Is Love," etc. Use Turkey red for the squares and cut the letters from white muslin. Join together with half squares and finish with a wide plain border. Line with white, bind the quilt with red.



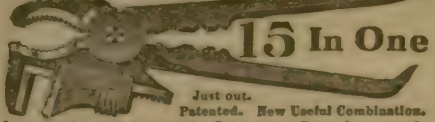
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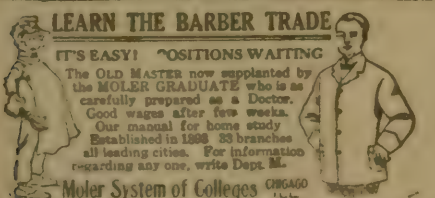
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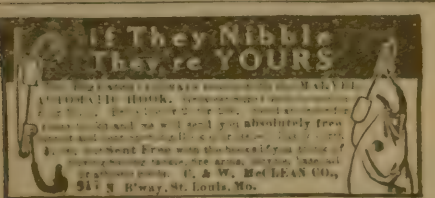
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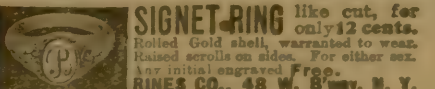
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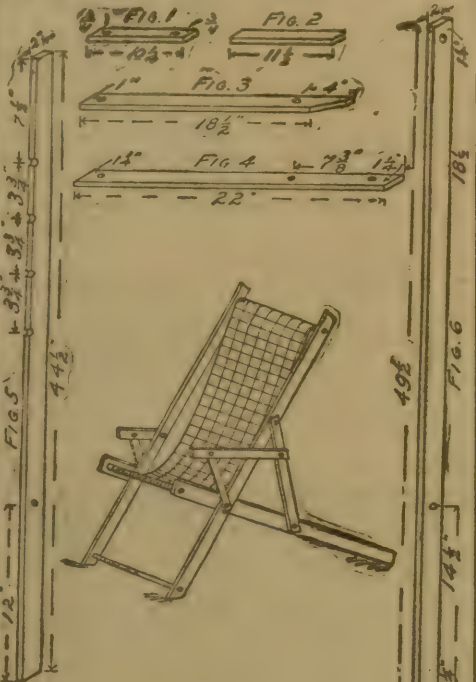
## A Corner for Boys

By Uncle John

**T**HIS is my favorite month of all the year. Perhaps it is because my birthday comes in it but at any rate I have tried to pass on my feeling of joy to you boys and I have labored hard to amuse and interest you. If you wish some real manly sport make some of those useful and amusing things, for it is work and play combined. They are all simple enough for the average boy to successfully construct. If you do happen to get puzzled let me know and I will set matters right.

### Reclining Chair

The cut shows a reclining chair that may be folded up and put into a small space. It is well suited for use on the porch or lawn and is very simple and easy to make. If you have one-inch boards that are sound and free from knots you can saw them into pieces two inches wide or three inches if you want the chair for a heavy person. You next cut them to the shape and dimensions shown in the diagrams, also boring one-inch holes according to the measure-



FOR THE PORCH OR LAWN.

ments taken. The holes are to admit the ends of round stakes or rungs, which hold the two sides of the chair together. Old broom handles are good for this purpose. An appropriate way to finish the chair if it is to be used outside is to give it two coats of dark blue or green paint and then a coat of varnish. The position of each part after the chair is put together is made clear by the central sketch.

### A Spinning Sailor

The boy who likes to whittle can make this windmill with the aid of his trusty blade. The figure of the sailor may be cut out of a shingle or a piece of white pine less than an inch in thickness. Outline it as shown, adding colors if you have the facilities. The legs of the sailor rest upon the tinsplate (Fig. 4). Across the back from shoulder to shoulder run a piece of heavy wire. It is held in place and turns upon two small staples "X X" in Fig. 3. Small cylindrical blocks are fastened to the ends of this wire shaft and to the blocks attach the arms. The center pivot between the legs of the figure is held secure with staples or brads bent over it. No matter what way the wind is blowing the arms will swing around for the rotating motion of the body keeps them always in the breeze. If you know of any new windmill designs send them to me and I will be very grateful for the favor.



CAUTION SHOULD BE USED.

The accompanying sketch gives a good idea of a formidable weapon used by certain South American tribes. It consists of three heavy round weights tied together in the manner shown with tough thongs. The uncivilized native of the wilds will grasp the thongs at the point where the three are united and begin to gently whirl the weights in a circle around his head. With each revolution the speed increases, until they are revolving so rapidly that you cannot follow them with your eyes, then snap—he lets go and the whole device goes hurtling through the air, ending its flight by becoming entangled in the legs of a fleeing animal or perhaps encircling the body of a human enemy. It is said by travelers that the natives are expert enough to bring down their prey quite as often as an American would with a shotgun or rifle. In the manner suggested by the cut you can make a small model using small stones for the weights, wrapping them in cloth so the cord may be attached. Use a post for target and do not maim any poor dogs around your locality.

### Queer Footprints

In the Colorado desert one sometimes comes across footprints of men and animals that are not sunk into the yielding sand but are raised above the level of the earth, to a height of six

inches and more. The reason of this is not so strange when explained. The region was at one time the bottom of the Gulf of California, and the so-called sand is really fine particles of silt. The particles have adhesive properties and under the weight of a man or animal cling together and become a mass instead of blowing around with every stirring breeze. The unpressed sand around will blow away and this leaves the tracks stranded in the air.

### A Wrestling Grip

Boys are nearly all of the rough-and-tumble sort and wrestling for fun and once in a while a real fight is bound to be their experience. The hold or trick pictured here is quite astonishing to those who have never tried it or had it tried on themselves. It must be practiced on soft ground or the hay stack. The success of the



AN OLD-TIME SPORT.

toss depends upon taking your adversary unawares but it can be tried by two friends without injury. The first position is to grasp the other fellow's arm with both your hands, then turn your back to him, drawing his arm over your shoulder. At this point you quickly stoop down aiding your friend's trip through the air with a hoisting motion of your back. Even though you throw him completely over your head no great strength is necessary. It is the speed and knack of the thing that counts.

### A Pie Puzzle

This is Tommy's birthday and his mother has presented him with a large pumpkin pie for the

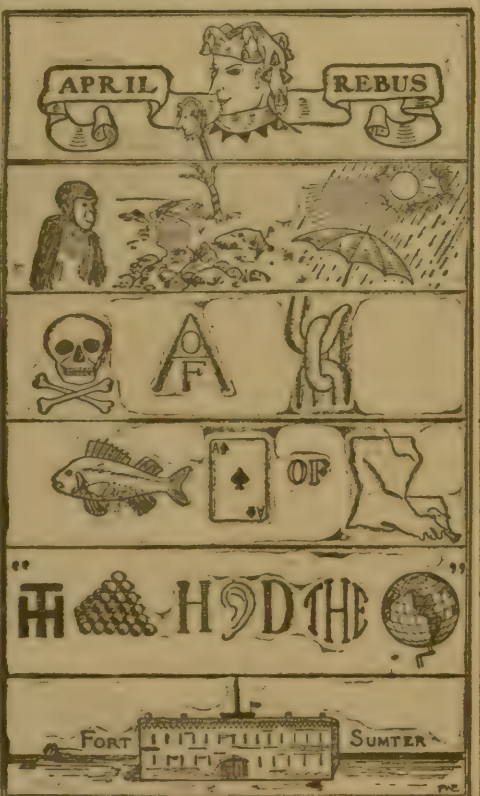
party he is going to give. Tommy is trying to decide how the pie should be divided. There will be ten guests, five boys and five girls, and then the host himself will make eleven. Tommy's father told him that there is a way of dividing it by giving five straight cuts from rim to rim, so that each boy will have a piece of equal size and shape, each girl the same and Tommy still retain the largest piece from the center. His father further told him that if he succeeded in doing it correctly he would give him a pony and cart for his birthday. Can you help the perplexed youth? Next month we publish the solution.



TOMMY'S PERPLEXITY.

### April Rebus

Below you will see five lines of pictures and signs. Each line treats of a different subject but



If you can interpret them you will find they all have something to do with the month of April.

1. Something that frequently occurs this month.
2. One of the most deplorable events of American history. It occurred in April.
3. Another great April event but of quite different nature.
4. A saying uttered in reference to a war that began in April.
5. An April engagement of importance.

### March Answers

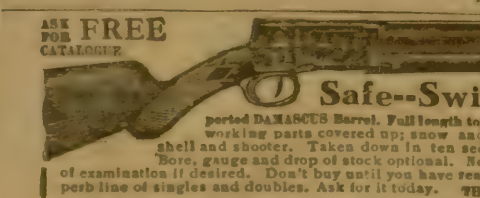
The answers to the puzzles published last month are here given in their proper order.

1. The last rose of summer.
2. Inauguration day.
3. Madison, Jackson.
4. Boston Massacre.
5. Waterford, Limerick, Belfast.

### Problems for April

Now that the weather is getting warmer you will probably not put in so much time at your books. However, I believe that if you start to work out those questions you will not be satisfied until you have arrived at the correct solutions. I do not think much of a boy who will give up when he has gone half way, do you?

1. A farmer hired 8 men and 6 boys one day for \$36 and at the same rate next day hired 6 men and 11 boys for \$40. What did he pay each per day?



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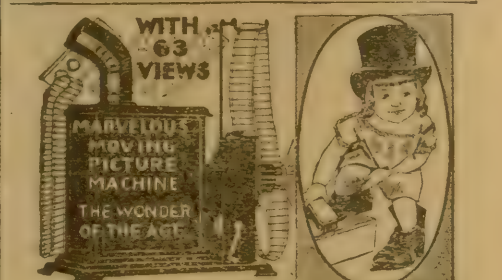
2. Five ninths of an army were killed, two thirds of the remainder were taken prisoners, and 400 escaped. How many were in the army?
3. A pole was broken off during a storm, and two thirds of the length of the broken part is equal to three fourths of the part remaining upright. The pole measured 51 feet. What was the length of each part?

### Answers to March Problems

1. A 20 days, B 30 days and C 60 days.
2. 49 1-11 past 3 o'clock.
3. 4 miles an hour.

For this balmy month when all things are bursting forth to renewed life you will surely find an outlet for your energy in some of the plans given. They have been carefully prepared with a view of meeting the ability of the average boy. I wonder how many of you are interested in electricity and such subjects. If you get puzzled on any point of a published article I will help you out of your difficulties if you write me.

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## Comfort's League of Cousins

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man skyscraper if you keep on. I should be afraid to be as tall as you, Bertha. Now that man has conquered the air and can fly around under the blue vault of Heaven whither-so-ever he listeth, in a year or two, whenever you wander abroad for a little exercise, you'll have to keep ducking your cocoanut, otherwise you'll be continually colliding with aeroplanes and other flying machines. When you come home at night and shake loose your luxuriant tresses, you'll find the paddle wheels of an airship mixed up with your rats and puffs, and the stern wheels of a dirigible enmeshed in your side curls. I tell you, Bertha it's going to be a tough proposition for the tall girls like you in a few years' time. It's a good thing that nature has blessed you with a long neck, as you'll have to do an awful lot of rubbering, unless you want your thick tank converted into a cream puff. A long neck has its advantages when you are eating ice cream—the taste lasts longer. I would not advise you, however to grow too tall, for height sometimes has its disadvantages. I knew a man who was engaged to a girl who was quite gigantic in build. When he took her to the church to marry her she was so big they could not get her inside the church, and tall, why she was so tall they had to send the wedding ring up to her in a balloon. A man never knows what he is up against, when he aspires to the hand of a lady of elongated construction. You say you have a rosen nose, Bertha. Rosen noses are quite decorative in their way, and they won't get you into trouble as long as you don't let them roam too much. Keep your nose at home, then you can always smell when the dinner is on the table, and eat the first grab at the pie. Big feet are excellent things to have in undeveloped countries where roads are bad and steam rollers scarce. Big feet are a big help to the leather industry. If there were more big feet there would be fewer cackroches. You say you have medium-sized hands aged sixteen. While you were telling us what the age of your hands were, Bertha, you might have told us what was the age of the rest of you. I suppose you are sixteen all over. Maybe one section of your body is five years older than the other. That's quite an idea if it's so, for you could have one birthday celebration for your head, another for your feet and so on. This would keep you in a continual state of excitement all the year round. Please tell us when you write next, not merely what is the age of your hands, but how old you are all over. You say: "Our post-office is three miles." I thought most post-offices were structures of either brick or stone, while apparently your P. O. is constructed of three miles. You might send us a photograph of that three mile post-office as your description is somewhat vague and leaves us in doubt as to what it is just like. You have quite a lot of stock to look after. I had some gold fish once, and the folks asked me if I had given the gold fish fresh water. "No," said I, "because they have not drank all I gave them yesterday." Keep your stock well watered especially the pigeons and canaries, and don't let the gold fish get their feet wet. I am so glad you enjoyed my book of poems. It makes me very happy to know that.

REINBECK, IOWA.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a reader of COMFORT and am greatly interested in the letters sent by the cousins. I live on a farm in Tama County, Iowa. Our nearest town is Traer, but we get our mail at Reinbeck. Traer is a town of about fifteen hundred people. I live with my father, mother and brother. I am the youngest of the family, and am of course the baby.

I am fifteen years old, four feet six inches tall. I have dark brown hair, gray eyes and am dark complected. I do all kinds of housework and some sewing.

My mother is fifty-six and my father is sixty-nine years of age.

I must also tell you that father was a soldier in the Civil War and fought for the Stars and Stripes. I have three sisters that are married and scattered all over. It is quite lonesome here sometimes since they are gone, but I have a happy home and loving parents.

Please give Billy the Goat something to chew besides my letter.

Love to you and all the cousins.

HATTIE ADAMS.

Hattie I am very glad to hear from you. It's nice to be the baby of the family isn't it? It must be interesting to hear your father talk about the Civil War, though I don't quite understand what you mean when you say he fought for the stars and stripes. I know a lot of people who fought for the Stars and Stripes, but I never heard of anyone except myself who fought for the stars and stripes. I had a young lady I used to tote around, and she used to wear a green dress with pink stripes, and everybody strange to say, stared at her. Such stars and such stripes you never saw. One fresh guy used to make it a practice to follow her, and his stars got so objectionable, I had to push a hole in his countenance and biff him a couple of swats in the beanyery. He resembled a cream puff that had been trod on after I got through with him. That battle you see was all waged on account of the stars and stripes. Billy the Goat thinks you meant to say that your father fought for the Stars and Stripes. Just as if a goat knows better than a young lady like you. I am glad to know that you have three sisters Hattie, but regret to know they are scattered all over. I know three sisters once, and their father was having a house built. They were blasting rock for a foundation, and the three girls in spite of warning shouts from the bystanders got too near the blast, and the way they got scattered all over was a caution. I hope your sisters are not scattered in this way. I hate to see anyone spilling their relations around all over the landscape. Keep your sisters together, Hattie, and don't scatter them too much, especially don't scatter them all over. Preserving creation with one's next of kin may add to the beauty of the landscape, but it's mighty tough on the relatives.

PLUM CITY, WIS.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am a country girl, and like country life very well. I like to help with the farm work. I can milk cows, separate the milk, and do almost any kind of farm work.

When I was only thirteen years old, I milked twelve cows every morning and night.

Some years ago I used to drive the binder. I have also shocked grain, and loaded as many as forty loads of hay one summer. Last fall I loaded the corn stalks, also stacked them. I am very fond of horses. I can ride horseback quite well, also harness horses.

It was very dry here last summer, so we did not get very good crops. We had to sell many of our cows last fall, as we did not get much hay in the summer.

I will describe myself. I am thirteen years old, five feet four inches tall, weigh one hundred and thirty-five pounds, have light hair and brown eyes.

I was born in Chicago, Ill., but came here to Wisconsin when I was four years old.

Say, Uncle, I forgot to tell you I am not afraid to shoot with a gun or revolver. I have often taken my brother's rifle and gone out hunting. I should be much pleased to hear from some of the cousins. Excuse this letter. I have not gone to any school since I was twelve years old. My father got sick then, and died the next year, so I had to stay at home and work.

SIGNE EDSTROM. (No. 27,904.)

Signe, I should think it must be quite exciting living in a Plum City. I suppose you have so many plums, you almost go plumb crazy. People in this section also know how to separate milk. First they separate the cream from the milk, then they separate the milk from what's left, and what's left is water. Then the milk trust separates us from ten cents, the price we have to pay for a quart of water after the milk has been separated from it. I should like to have seen you, Signe, separating twelve cows from their milk every night. Did you run the cows through the separator to do that? I'm quite horrified to know that you shocked the grain. I'm afraid you must have been very naughty to have done that. Grain is not easily shocked, as it takes a field

of wheat a year to get on its ear. I know a farmer out West who could not get his grain shocked owing to lack of help. One of his daughters however, solved the help question by walking across the field in a pair of open-work hose, with a hobbie skirt attachment. The grain was completely and thoroughly shocked, and the crop saved. Signe you are a fine girl, even if you did shock the wheat and I am proud of you. You have been doing a man's work and shouldering a man's burden. Yours is an unselfish, useful, noble life. You boys who have run away from the farm and gone to the city to fill early graves, might contemplate the life of this superb young woman and learn a good deal from it. Think of this little lassie loading forty loads of hay in one short summer season. How many of you country boys have done that? Signe is not running away from the farm, not she, and I'll wager in a few years, she'll have made more money at farming than all you boys who went to the city to chase that will-o-the-wisp fortune, which most of you I guess have found to be, not fortune, but misfortune. Signe I take off my hat to you. You are doing a splendid work, feeding the hungry millions of the teeming cities who ought to be out in the country feeding themselves. I must apologize to you, dear, that you live in a country that permits bums and drunken loafers to vote, but withholds the privilege of the ballot from such useful and noble souls as yourself. Don't worry, dear, by the time you are of voting age, or a little later, you will be allowed the same privilege as the bum and the loafer. Reforms are slow in coming, but they come eventually, so don't be discouraged. More power to you and God bless you. Signe's letter is beautifully written in spite of the fact that she has had but little schooling and scarcely any chance to indulge in correspondence or study.

FERNDALE, CAL.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

As I have never seen any letters from this part of California, I thought I would write and tell you people live in Northern California, also.

Say, Uncle, tell Billy the Goat for me I want him to go to bed, and cover up his head when you read this letter so he won't want to eat my letter for his breakfast.

I guess I had better describe myself. I am fifteen years old, about five feet, six inches tall, and weigh about one hundred and forty pounds. Have light hair and light complexion.

Uncle, if you will come and see me I will take you boat riding on Eel river.

My home is at Upper Mattole, but I am staying with my aunt and am going to high school here. I am a Freshman. My sister also goes to high school here, she is a senior and expects to graduate this year.

Say, Uncle, when you come to see me, bring Billy the Goat along and I will take you down home to my father's ranch and introduce Billy to the goats my father has, and then we will see which can butt the hardest. I believe papa's goats could butt the hardest, but then, I bet your goat could eat more lettuce. What do you think about it? When I am at

home on my vacation I ride horseback every day. M! but it is fun and I like to ride fast too.

Would love to hear from the cousins and will answer all the letters and postals that I possibly can.

Your loving niece, EDITH PAXTON. (No. 25,777.)

I have put Billy the Goat to bed Edith, and given that individual a glass bottle to gnaw on, so your letter will find its way into print and you will not be interrupted. You are quite a big girl for fifteen years of age. California certainly does produce some fine crops, and the boy and girl crop is the best crop they turn out. I was in one of the crops that California turned out. They turned me out all right and told me not to come back. They say that you are a Freshman, Edith. I am rather surprised that a modest girl like you would ask me to proclaim such a fact to our six millions of readers. If you are fresh, I should think you would want to keep it to yourself and not let the whole world know it. But how could a girl be a "fresh-man?" Isn't that a sort of a contradiction. Of course, I know that both boys and girls can be fresh at times, but I didn't know that a fresh girl could be a Freshman or vice versa. Maybe you have the power to unsex yourself and take on another sex, but I very much doubt it. Billy the goat says you mean that you are fresh at school, but I don't believe that a young lady like you would be fresh anywhere. Maybe you can explain this matter, as you have got me all tangled up. As regards that invitation to go boat riding and fishing in Eel river, I don't know that my nerve will allow me to do any more boat riding. The last time I was out boat riding the horse ran away and upset the boat and I fell out and struck my head against a hard wave, and the water was so ou'y I nearly choked, so that altogether I had a miserable time. I never have much luck fishing either. I bought a beautiful pole and fishing tackle the other day. The pole must have been about ten feet high. It cost three and a half beans, in other words three dollars and a half. I hadn't been fishing long before I caught something. I thought it was a fish, instead of that it was the bottom of the river. When I pulled the bottom of the river out, the water all disappeared down the hole, and the fish with it. Then I went and fished in another river, and it wasn't long before I caught a beautiful fish about half an inch long, weighing thirty pounds. I reeled in the rope, I mean the line, until finally the fish was wound ten feet in the air, and dangling at the end of the pole. A friend of mine was watching, and I screamed: "What shall I do next?" My friend shouted: "Climb up the top of the pole, you darned chump, and get the fish!" I was too excited to think I might get the fish by lowering the pole, so up the pole I started to climb, and before I got halfway the pole and I both toppled over into the river, with the result that I got drowned two or three times, and the fish swallowed the pole and swam away. I have been so scared of water ever since that

I never go even near a cup of tea or a glass of milk unless I have a life preserver around my neck and two people holding on to me so I shan't fall in. Edith if you go boat riding you must go alone!

JACKTOWN, KY.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:

I am twenty-two years old, when I was sixteen I went to visit a cousin in Ohio. While there I met with a severe accident caused by a large cellar door falling on my head. I was thrown to the bottom of a long flight of steps and lay there unconscious until my cousin found me. The shock left me a nervous wreck. I had a long sick spell and my life was despaired of, but after months of suffering I was able to be up and about once more. I was overjoyed to be able to walk again.

When I was seventeen, I was married, and though still in poor health, everyone thought as did I, that as I was so young I would eventually get over the shock to my nerves. The pain in my head was at times almost unbearable. But still I hoped to grow stronger. But alas! how short was my dream of happiness. Instead of growing better as I so fondly hoped, I grew worse.

I thought then my lot was hard, but always looked forward to better times. My sickness was our only cloud. But my heart was broken when only a few months later, I lost the husband that was more to me than life. I was carried out of my little home, placed on a cot, and taken over two hundred miles in a baggage car to my mother's home, where I now am. My little boy was born the following October, but there was no kind father to see the baby face and his poor young mother could not for she was blind.

Alas! I cannot see to read or write, my greatest pleasure in the old days. Mother has to do all my writing. Father died two years ago and mother is almost a semi-invalid. How glad I would be if the cousins would send me a dime shower or anything to help, would also like to thank the dear friends who have helped me and baby in the past. Would be pleased with reading matter as mother sometimes of an evening can find time to read to me. I get very lonely lying here, not able to do as much as raise my hand and have not turned myself in bed for four years.

The cousins should all work for Uncle Charlie's Poems, they are certainly source of inspiration. My favorite is "God will take care of me."

Asking God to bless you for any help you may send me I am your shut-in friend, MRS. MAGGIE L. COOK.

That surely is the saddest story that was ever told. I do not think that any words of mine can add to the pitiful pathos of this narrative of suffering, affliction and misfortune. In private letter to me Mrs. Cook gives some facts, which I know she will not mind your knowing. She says: "Our family is one of widows and orphans, and then our children old enough to work can do but little to help those at home. Those who are working are three sisters and a brother, but what can a girl do who has only a common education that will more than pay her own board and dress her decently. In our family there are three widows and six orphans depending upon the labors of the children of the family"

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## RUBY'S REWARD

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glasses could be endured for a time, since they had been fair to become if they were not already, one of the wealthiest families in the state.

Ruby was delighted at having gained her sister's consent. She knew it would be a red-letter day in their lives, so she directed their invitation, and wrote a kind letter to send with it, in which she begged them to come a week before the grand reception, and make them a little visit.

She was quite diplomatic in this movement, for she thought it would give her time to see that they were properly equipped for the occasion, so that her sister's fastidious taste need not be offended, nor their rendezvous conspicuous among their guests by any eccentricity of costume.

An answer came very shortly, accepting her invitation, and mentioning the day on which they would arrive in the city.

One other favor Ruby had craved of her brother, but she did it with drooping lids and a flush upon her cheeks.

It was that he would send Walter a card for their housewarming.

"You're too late, my pet," he said, laughing, and patting the rosy cheek nearest him. "One has already gone to our fine young architect."

"Oh, thank you, Robert, for remembering him. I would not like to have him neglected. I am sure it will be a pleasure."

"A rare pleasure to whom, petite?" quizzed her brother, with a twinkle in his eyes.

"Why, to Mr. Richardson, of course," Ruby retorted, but with a blush which betrayed that it would be a pleasure in which she would share.

A week before the grand reception Mr. and Mrs. Ruggles arrived, and were kindly and graciously received by the Gordons, the fastidious lady of the house not excepted.

Mrs. Gordon, after giving the matter some thought, had concluded that it would be policy to extend every possible courtesy to them.

She knew that they were relatives of Edmund Carpenter, who, in her own mind, she had decreed should marry Ruby, if any manœuvre on her part could accomplish such a union. They had no children of their own, and, since they had taken such a fancy to her beautiful young sister, their great wealth might possibly be thus added to their family. Accordingly, she surprised Ruby by being very gracious to them.

Mr. Gordon, having no such mercenary calculations, was most cordial and genial simply out of the nobility of his great heart, while Ruby betrayed genuine delight in her welcome.

Mrs. Ruggles was very becomingly arrayed in a modest but rich traveling costume of fine, dark-grey cloth, while her husband looked really neat in a new and becoming business suit.

The housewarming had been set for the twenty-first and Mrs. Ruggles confided to Ruby at the outset that she must have a dress suitable for the occasion, and asked her advice and help in obtaining it.

"You are not to count the cost, either, Miss Ruby," Owen Ruggles interposed. "I want mother to do you credit, so you just get the best—what you would want your own to wear to such a party."

Ruby's eyes twinkled at these instructions, for she remembered Estelle's fears regarding eccentricity of costume, and she resolved to give her sister a surprise such as she had not had for many a day.

"I will take you to my own dressmaker," she said. "She will tell us just what you need, and we will have her make it."

So a private consultation was held with the fashionable modiste. A handsome black satin was advised, and Ruby enjoyed herself hugely in purchasing it, together with some other really nice adornments for the approaching festival.

"Father is going to have a new suit, too—made to order at Wamamakers," Mrs. Ruggles confidentially informed Ruby, and the latter could hardly wait to witness the astonishment which she knew this new departure on the part of the farmer and his wife would occasion both Estelle and Edmund Carpenter.

That gentleman was still very marked in his attentions to Ruby, but she seemed to feel more and more of aversion toward him, and shunned his society upon every possible occasion when she could do so without actual rudeness.

The week that followed the arrival of her guests was a very busy and pleasant one, for she took them to all the points of interest in the city, visiting churches and museums, the mint, picture-galleries, etc., during the day and going to some concert or the theater in the evening.

Walter had called soon after their arrival, and had been invited to make one of the party whenever he could spare an evening.

This was a temptation and privilege he could not resist, and he was thus thrown much into Ruby's coveted society, where he was made to feel both welcome and useful.

"You will be with us here tomorrow evening," Ruby said to him on the night before the twenty-first, as he was taking his leave of her after having escorted her party home from the theater.

"Yes, I had planned to come in for a little while," he replied, with quickened heart-throbs, as he looked into the lovely eyes raised with such eager questioning to his.

"For a little while?" she repeated, in a disappointed tone. "Oh, I hoped you would come early, and stay through the whole. We are to have a delightful time. You know the stable is but just finished—all but the stalls and boxes—and Robert has had it beautifully decorated, and an awning extended from the house to it, and we are to dance there. You dance, do you not?"

"I used to," he replied, with a sigh, as he remembered the experience so far in the dim past that you have forgotten how?" Ruby asked, archly.

"No, indeed, and I enjoy dancing very much; but my life has been such during the last two years that I have had no opportunity to exercise my accomplishments in that line."

"Then a little tripping of the 'light fantastic' will refresh your memory and do you good."

"But I shall be a stranger to almost everyone here."

"I believe I did not find it such a formidable undertaking to get acquainted with you," Ruby retorted, with a light laugh; "and I know scores of young ladies that will make charming partners after an introduction. I shall expect you to present yourself in season for the first quadrille."

"I promise, upon one condition," said Walter, in an eager tone.

"And what is that?"

"That you will dance it with me."

A ripple of color stole into Ruby's cheek, and her eyes dropped an instant as she met his glance.

Then she drew back and swept him a charming little courtesy, saying:

"With pleasure, Mr. Richardson. I am delighted to have secured your presence upon such easy terms."

"Thank you," Walter simply returned, but his eyes told her that he longed to give utterance to much stronger language, while the clasp of his hand at parting had a lover's lingering touch in it.

## RUBY'S REWARD

Take no chance of missing the interesting next installment of this story in May Comfort. If the envelope folder renewal blank was wrapped in this paper it means that your subscription is about to expire and should be renewed at once.

## The Word that Jim Sought

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14.)

Sick at heart he nerved himself to say, "No; I am going away for good."

White as a sheet, she stood before him, her big eyes searching his face. He continued almost brutally, "I hear you are going to marry Mattison, please accept my congratulations."

He was unprepared for the effect of his last words.

The blood surged back to her blanched cheeks and lips, joy shone through unshed tears as she sprang forward crying, "Oh, is that why you said you were going to leave me? How could you be so cruel?"

At that piteous appeal, restraint and reason fled, and love came into his own.

Forgetting all else but Emily and his love for her—Gaylord caught her to his breast, kissing neck, brow, cheek, lost in a delirium of love.

For one exalted moment he lived. Then he sought to put her from him. "Emily," he faltered, "I've something to tell you; when you've heard it, then it will be as you say, whether I stay or go."

She clung to him. "Ah, nothing you can say or do, will make me wish you away."

"But listen, little wood-dove." His voice came thick and hoarse; the tempting lips, humid eyes, her glowing beauty so near, so trustfully yielding to his embrace, unmanned him.

Almost roughly he put her aside. "I've been a fool—a knave, it may seem, but listen and judge me."

Then he told her all of his sister's friend, Kate—of his supposed love for her—the long engagement and approaching marriage. Then later his accidental meeting with herself, and lastly Jim's report of her own immediate marriage; his determination to go away, to crush, to bury that love which he knew was the one passion of his life.

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Macon A. Green, Tenn.; Mrs. May Sleator, Iowa; Fairlana Riley, Ky.; N. V. Pitt, N. C.; Ida Greifenhagen, Colo.

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These 100 Women Received a Consolation Prize of One Dollar Each

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He paused. In a voice harsh and strained he pleaded, "I have told the wretched story; I love you, and you alone. Shall I stay?"

With hands tightly clasped above her beating heart, her eyes wildly staring, Emily sank back upon the seat.

He sought to take her in his arms, to caress her cold hands, but she repulsed him, whispering, "Then Grannie was right. I was only a pastime—a plaything to help you kill the days."

"Oh, my darling, judge me not that way. Look in my eyes and tell me you believe it. See the love, the misery there, and then stab me with that cruel accusation. Can you?"

"I loved you the first time I saw you—that night when you glowed like a damask rose under the flare of the candles. We were made for each other; from the beginning it was intended."

"Look at me with forgiveness in your eyes, say you love me, and I will give up all for you. Come my love, we'll forget there is any other world but ours."

On his knees at her feet, with anguished eyes searching her face, he pleaded his love.

As she listened into the stony misery of her eyes, crept an unutterable love and tenderness. She put her gathering arms away, gently saying, "No, no, it can never be. You must go—go back to her. She has loved you long, while I—I—I—"

"Her voice broke as she rose to go. "Emily," he groaned, "can you leave me without one word, one kiss for all the weary days, all the long years to come?"

Turning, she took his face tenderly in her hands, searching his features as though to indelibly impress them upon her mind. She gave him her cold lips. As though taking leave of the dead he kissed her and turned away.

Well for Gaylord, as he rode out of the shadows into the light, that he heard not the anguished cry, saw not the kneeling figure lifting heavenward its piteous face.

A year later, a fair-faced woman sat in a smiling room. She lifted her head, fondly smiling, as a fine-looking man entered and tossed an envelope in her lap.

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The last time you were there, before our marriage, you remember, I was quite cross. I fancied you had some girl—some pretty country girl; though I ought to have known better, as they tell me, they are all green and gawky in the extreme."

Well now," and she glanced in the mirror, patting the golden puffs and Marcel waves in place, "the last tie to that country is severed and I have the proof." She gayly waved the check in the air.

Gaylord looked off to the setting sun, toward the land of the "Bald Knobs," past the Forest of Dreams, where he knew a noble girl was giving her bright young life to the making of a home for a lonely man and his motherless children.

He thought of what Jim had said: "Them little colts just nacherly loves th' groun' she treads on; en she's made lam's uv 'em all. Ez far Mattison, bless yer soul! He wouldn't trade places with no king, he air the proud'n happy."

"Purty?—happy? Yes, she's purty, purtier ter my min' then she ever wur—but they's a difference. Ez ter bein' happy—we uns caint tell

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Subscriber, Jefferson, Ia.—No one has a legal right to open the letters of another person, both being of age. Some husbands and some wives claim the right to open each other's letters, but the law will not sustain them, and it is a felony. The husband is bound to clothe and feed his wife and give her shelter, but she has no legal claim on his pocket money. If she could get hold of some part of it he could not get it back, because most juries would agree that she had a right to something, but there would likely be trouble in the family. The husband has no moral right to all the money he earns and he should let his wife have a part of it, but the law doesn't say that she has such rights. Only the very meanest and worst husbands claim the money a wife earns around the place, such as eggs and cream money, which you mention. There are some men who ought to be clubbed into being half way decent to their wives, but there is no law which says they may be clubbed, and the worst part of it is that many such men are thought to be very respectable by the people who do not know just how mean and nasty they are to their wives. We don't believe in breaking up families, but if we were a woman we wouldn't live with that sort of a man two minutes. Show this to him.

Red Head, Martin, Ga.—There is nothing in any etiquette we know of which explains what "B2Y3" means when appended to a letter from a young man to a girl. If he won't tell you, it is because he doesn't know himself.

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## Home Dressmaking Hints

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### How to Baste in Sleeves

After the sleeve has been fitted and seamed together run in a gathering thread between double "TT" perforations on top of sleeve and leave it several inches too long. Now place the sleeve into armhole, always holding the sleeve toward you. Place the inside sleeve seam at the notch in front of waist and pin, and from this point to where the gathers begin hold the sleeve top and armhole together evenly and pin again. Hold the two edges together along the plain part from front shirring down under the arm and up to the point where you meet the shirring again, putting in pins every inch or two to make sure that it does not slip and thus make the sleeve draw. Arrange gathers evenly across the top of sleeve and baste around carefully and evenly about one half inch from edge and sew outside of this baste.

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**MACHINE MARKED TUCKS.**—Miss Worthington, the quickest and easiest way I know of to mark hand run tucks is to adjust the tucker to the required size of tuck and the length of stitch to correspond with the hand run stitch. Remove thread from machine and proceed as usual and you will have plainly marked tucks and the hand sewing will follow the holes pierced by machine needle.

**LACE YOKES.**—M. D. L., use a net lining under your lace yokes. They will fit and wear better.

**BLACK DRESS.**—Mrs. Cooper, black is not necessarily old, and on the other hand it may be made very youthful. It carries a refined appearance and is if properly worn, becoming. Your black voile made according to No. 3552 in the March number would be very stylish. For the deep band at bottom of skirt and other band trimmings use black satin. A coarse black net over a fine white would make a suitable guimpe.

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sister and beau, and come home with another escort more than a time or two. As often, in fact, as her sister will let her go with her. (2) If you have no escort you may dance the last dance with any young man who asks you, even if he is not going to take you home. (3) He may call every Sunday evening if you want him to though not engaged. You will be, though, if he keeps it up long enough.

**American Beauty, Stitum, N. Dak.**—A girl of fifteen should not only ask her mother if she may go to certain places with a young gentleman, but she should also ask her the other questions you were asked us. Girls of fifteen should observe their mother's rules before they observe the rules of etiquette.

**Twins, Enreka, Cal.**—It is not very improper for two girls, aged sixteen, to go buggy riding with a young fellow of seventeen, but it is highly improper for him to put his arm around one unless he also puts his arm around the other. And if he does that, how is he ever going to drive the horse? Etiquette is feeble in a case like this.

**J. P. M., Plum Coulee, Man.**—Etiquette has no rule compelling a young man's sweetheart to speak to him if she doesn't want to. Nor to make her look into his eyes when he talks to her. It is up to the young man to do that and if he can't do it, he'd better quit love making. If the sweetheart is only shy, don't crowd her. Coax her, man, coax her. Doesn't a husky young Manatoban know the first principles of the game?

**Maple Leaf, Sioux City, Ia.**—Of course, the girl should go to the party though her intended escort is prevented from going with her. No use of both losing all the good time of the evening. If you are engaged to him, that might make a difference. (2) Etiquette does not "say" anything about people in opposite features, as dark and light complexioned getting along better together. That is psychology which has nothing to do with etiquette, but psychology doesn't say it, either, very clearly. Take a chance.

**Angel Eyes, Orchard, Neb.**—Unless the young man has the very best of reasons for objecting to your chum he has no right to try to prevent your going with her. Stick to your chum and give him the icy stare unless he can show cause for objecting. If he can, then drop the chum.

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Mrs. F. M., Germantown, Nebr.—Old Bibles are to be found everywhere and the price they command is small, except in special cases. Advertise yours in Omaha or Kansas City papers and see what offers you get. Dealers will not pay much.

Turnip, Lobsterville, Okla.—We don't know any miners who use the dipping needle with marked success. They find the stuff by more practical methods. Make a note that if you have to be born when Mercury is the ruling planet, be strongly magnetic, have the sign of the lobster on your left bosom and a few other things like that in order to make a machine do what can be better done with a pick and a drill. It is time to pause and reflect ere you put up your good money. You should be thankful you got out of it as easy as you did. What were you going to dip for? Gold bricks? We are pleased to observe that you are taking your lesson with some degree of philosophy. You won't do it again, will you?

B. F., Morey, N. M.—We know of no firms buying dress embroidery made at home. Machinery has taken the place of the hand work except such hand work as is of the highest artistic merit.

W. J. M., Wenatchee, Wash.—Cabinet making is probably taught in the manual training department of your own state university. Write to the president of that institution and find out.

H. G., St. Clairsville, O.—We find no Railway Trackmen's Journal, on our list, but there is a Railway Trainmen's Journal published at Cleveland, Ohio. Try that for further information.

Reginald, Selma, Ala.—Advertise your records for exchange in Birmingham papers, or join an exchange club such as photograph people have.

C. E. J., Branson, Mo.—You could have your scrap-book pieces printed in book form, but the cost would be large, up in the hundreds of dollars if you have very many scraps. Write to Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, about it.

S. S., Plattsburg, Miss.—Write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., stating your trouble and asking for the best information on the subject, as to what to use on your fruit trees and how best to apply it. The information will cost you nothing.

I. M. U., Salem, Ohio.—Until you know something more about the business than you do now, don't try to start it. Post yourself.

Miss M. W. B., Gales Ferry, Conn.—Write to L. E. Hancock, No. 134 West 37th St., New York, about your stories.

N. N., Minneapolis, Minn.—Right there in Min-

## How Is Your Health?

If you don't feel well, run down, out of sorts and depressed, weak, dizzy, ache in back, side, chest or muscles; if you lack life to enjoy a hearty laugh; have suffered for years with disease; stomach weak, breath offensive, circulation feeble, cold clammy hands or feet; have rheumatism, heart trouble or grippy colds

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neapolis you can buy yarn at wholesale prices if you buy enough. Make inquiries among dealers for prices.

W. B. T. C., Texas City, Ill.—You can have your pearls and diamonds inspected in Chicago, though we don't know exactly what you mean by "inspected." See Poultry column for other answer.

A. O. S., Milwaukee, Wis.—Try a little soap suds or lather on your razor strap to make it bite. Why write clear to Maine to know what Milwaukee barbers could tell you right on the spot?

G. McC., Minton, Ark.—Any dealer would have to see your pearls before offering you a price. If they are very small and few in number you had better sell them to somebody in your neighborhood as it would hardly pay to spend money for expressage.

Thomas S. Stencil, R. R. 1, Cheboygan, Mich., would like to hear from any COMFORT readers who live in Scott County, Ark., about the country in that section as he wants to know something about it. Will anyone who knows write to him at above address?

Miss E. G., Weatherly, Mo.—Get the material from Kansas City, or St. Louis druggists and have expressage. Your local druggists will give you addresses.

R. W., Verona, Ky.—Really, son, we can't print a list of the Presidents of the United States. It is too much of a chestnut. Ask your teacher to give them to you. Or hunt them up yourself in a school history. You have history books in your school, haven't you?

Mrs. E. McC., Richmond, Va.—Write to Edward J. Wheeler, Pres't Poetry Society of America, No. 34 East 26th St., New York City and to Mr. Kingsbury, The Sun, New York City.

G. D. M., Sykeston, N. Dak.—The initiative and referendum are primarily propositions by the people for the people. By the first the people may initiate measures to be enacted by their own vote into laws, and by the latter, laws enacted by legislatures are referred to and approved or rejected by the people. Referendums apply to entire constitutions, amendments to constitutions, laws affecting entire states, or parts of states or localities only.

Frisco, Dixon, Mo.—See answer above to J. M. G., Sterrett, Ala.

R. A. H., Union Grove, Ala.—Tiffany & Co., New York City. This firm is absolutely reliable.

F. A. F., Kalisel, Mont.—The Eureka T. & N. Co., No. 87 Warren St., New York.

## The Pretty Girls' Club

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corn can be picked out with the finger nails. See reply to Mrs. E. M. W. To reduce flesh use the following treatment:

Dissolve one pound of epsom salts in one quart of rainwater. Shape very fine three bars of white soap and dissolve in one quart of boiling rainwater. When partially cool, beat in the epsom salt solution. Now add two more quarts of water and it is ready for use. At night rub the preparation on such parts of the body as you wish to reduce, and let it dry in. When morning comes, wash it off. Continue the use of the fat reducer until the desired results are obtained. In addition to this wash take the juice of half a lemon in a cup of hot water, three quarters of an hour before breakfast. The average reduction in weight is two pounds every week.

A twenty-minute massage of the scalp with ointment given Mrs. G. W. S. will, I think, cause your hair to stop falling. A good eye wash consists of a three per cent. solution of boric acid.

Miss Flora.—If you wish to bleach the face with Peroxide of Hydrogen, simply spill a little of the Peroxide into the hand and pass your hand over the face. Dampen every bit of the facial skin. Do this once daily.

Carolyn, Miss Lurlane, Mrs. Z. X. Y., Young Wife and others.—To promote a good eyebrow and eyelash growth, use the following lotion: Lavender vinegar, two and one half ounces; glycerine, one and one quarter ounces; fluid extract of jaborandi, two drams.

Massage eyebrows with the lotion and apply it to eyelid edges with the blunt end of a perfectly clean match or toothpick. Be extremely careful that no minutest portion of the lotion touches the eye itself.

Charleston Admirer.—See my reply to Mrs. E. M. W. which tells how to shampoo the hair and also gives directions for banishing dandruff. Refer to my reply to Mrs. G. W. S. and use hair pomade given her. Massage scalp for twenty minutes nightly with pomade and you will get good results.

Mrs. Joyn, Papa's Girl, Texas Maid, Cherry, Sunflower, Mrs. H. T., Miss Bet and others.—Here is the bleach you ask for.

## Norwegian Face Bleach

Corrosive sublimate, seven and one half grains; tincture of benzoin, one dram; water, one half pint. Mix. Apply to the face once daily. Test the strength of this lotion on the leg before applying to face, and bear in mind that corrosive sublimate is a poison if swallowed. Do not get any into the eyes or too near the eyes.

Anna K., Katie, Illinois Pioneer, Anxious Inquirer, Careful Reader, Beesle and others.—See my reply to Mrs. E. M. W. about dandruff, and massage the scalp nightly for twenty minutes with hair pomade given to Mrs. G. W. S. Every three weeks shampoo your too oily hair with the following mixture, then rinse out all lather and dry in sun.

## Cream Shampoo for Oily Hair

Shredded fine white soap, one half ounce; rose-water, one ounce; solution of ammonia, one ounce; alcohol or bay rum, one half ounce; rainwater, eight ounces.

Dissolve the soap in the hot rainwater. When nearly cool add the ammonia, rosewater and the alcohol, stirring constantly.

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## Five Wheel Chairs in March 86 is COMFORT'S Total to Date

Sorry to fall down one chair in March below the record for February. Still, five wheel chairs for last month is doing pretty well and really is a trifle better than it looks on its face as compared with February, because, as I told you in March COMFORT, the subscriptions in February lacked 52 of the 1200 requisite for the six chairs I sent out that month. In March the Wheel-Chair Club made up that 52 and earned the five March chairs with 15 subscriptions over to start the April account with.

I hope you will all read COMFORT'S Easter Sermon and make a practical application of it by putting forth an extra effort in behalf of the Wheel-Chair Club this month. While you have not the miraculous power to cure the cripples as the Saviour did by saying, "Take up thy bed and walk," you can say to the shut-ins, get off your beds and go about the beautiful world in COMFORT'S wheel chairs; and you can make good the glad message to a larger number of those unfortunates each month, if you will, by giving a little more of your own time in aid of the cause and by interesting others to help.

The five March chairs go to Tavia Collum, Mulberry, Ark.; Blanche Cuthbert, Cygnet, Ohio; Mrs. E. M. Gray, Romance, Ark.; Charles G. Chaney, Alaska, W. Va.; Master J. B. Boggs, Rock Mills, Ala.

They are all worthy and needy shut-ins who have suffered a long time in patient waiting for the relief which these wheel chairs will afford them, and I wish I could spare the space to describe their pitiful condition in detail.

Please don't think that I am showing partiality to one State by sending two chairs in one month to Arkansas; Tavia Collum has suffered for twenty years with curvature of the spine, and she and Mrs. Gray and their neighbors have earned these two chairs by their special efforts so they had a right to them now. Mrs. Harkness, whose name heads this month's Roll of Honor, sent her club of 200 subscriptions for the benefit of Blanche Cuthbert and earned her chair in a single month. I wish more of the shut-ins and their friends would do likewise; some have done so, as I have mentioned heretofore, and I am pleased to say that others are making an effort. It is only right that those who apply for COMFORT wheel chairs should do what they can to help the Club and help themselves.

Poor little Gertrude Bennett of Paris, Iowa, only eight years old, a helpless sufferer with spinal meningitis, sends a pitiful appeal for a COMFORT wheel chair. She writes: "I am a shut-in all the time, and as my folks are poor I can't have hardly anything I need, and I can't tell you how thankful I would be to get a wheel chair." This is the kind of letters I am getting from the shut-ins, and to think that out of more than two hundred on our waiting list I can help only a few each month. I want this child and as many more as possible to have one in April.

I thank every one who has sent in a single subscription for the Wheel-Chair Club, and I ask you again to do your best this month; send in one at least if you can't do any better.

The following letters of thanks from grateful shut-ins will interest you.

Sincerely yours,  
W. H. GANNETT, Publisher of COMFORT.

P.S. For the information of our many new subscribers let me explain that for each and every 200 new 15-month subscriptions to COMFORT sent in either singly or in clubs by persons who direct that they are to be credited to COMFORT'S WHEEL-CHAIR CLUB instead of claiming the premiums to which they would be entitled, I give a FIRST-CLASS INVALID WHEEL CHAIR to some worthy, destitute, crippled shut-in and pay the freight, too. It is a large and expensive premium for me to give for that number of subscribers, but I am always glad to do my part a little faster each month than you do yours. Subscription price is 25 cents, but if sent in clubs of five or more for the Wheel-Chair Club, I accept them at 20 cents each.

### So Grateful for COMFORT'S Wheel Chair, and will Share its Use with Three Aged Invalids

NEW WINDSOR, ILL.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
I got my wheel chair this morning, and the English language is not strong enough to express my thanks and gratitude. The chair is beautiful, and came packed so nicely it had not a blemish on it.  
There are three aged invalids living near me, and I'm going to loan them my chair when I am not using it, so they can get some comfort out of it. It has been my hope for some time to be unable to get around, but now thanks to Mr. Gannett and the dear COMFORT readers I shall be able to get out, and won't be a prisoner any more. Once more thank you, and God bless you all.  
Your grateful friend,  
Mrs. S. M. WILLIAMS.

### Cried for Joy on Receiving COMFORT'S Wheel Chair

CONTINENTAL, OHIO.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
I received my wheel chair, and appreciate the gift more than words can tell. I cried for joy when it came. May God bless COMFORT and all you dear souls who helped in any way to get me this wheel chair. May your words be blessed and prosper in the prayer of  
Yours gratefully,  
LIBBIE RANGLER.

### Comfort's Wheel Chair a Great Benefit

LINDSEY, S. C.

DEAR UNCLE CHARLIE:  
I received my invalid chair. I am very proud of it. It will be of great benefit to me. Please give my heartfelt thanks to all those who worked for this chair, and made it possible for me to have it. God bless you all. Gratefully yours,  
Miss J. A. CURETON.

The Roll of Honor comprises the names of those who have sent five or more subscriptions to credit of the Wheel-Chair Club during the month previous. Following each name is the number of subscriptions sent.

### COMFORT'S Roll of Honor

Mrs. C. S. Harkness, Ohio, 200; Nancy Gilbert, Texas, 92; Jimmie Banks, Ohio, 20; Mrs. E. M. Gray, Ark., 18; Lillie B. Boone, Miss., 87; Mrs. Clara Leber, Ill., 5; Miss Annie Matthews, Kans., 5; Sarah M. Westbrook, Mich., 5; Mrs. H. A. Bohart, Pa., 5; Cora E. Baughn, Ky., 5; Mrs. W. P. Smith, Calif., 5; Mrs. R. L. Lumpkin, N. C., 5; Mrs. J. Detmers, Ill., 6; Christina Anderson, Neb., 5; Mrs. L. V. Phillips, Mich., 5; Mrs. Ethel Collins, Ark., 5; Mrs. W. A. Fitchett, Calif., 5; Mrs. J. R. Daly, Minn., 5; Mrs. N. D. Dearen, Ark., 5; Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, Fla., 5; Mollie Miller, Idaho, 5; Mae Coy, Mich., 5; T. S. Brekke, Calif., 5; Anna Christofferson, Neb., 13; Mary Hale, Ohio, 5; Mrs. Margaret Wilson, Texas, 5; Mrs. Doll Mitchell, Ill., 5; Mrs. Elsie Blederman, Ill., 5; Mrs. Fannie Golden, Mo., 5; Charles Bands, Kans., 5; Mary E. Kimber, Tenn., 6; Mrs. S. P. Erway, N. Y., 7; Mrs. T. Walbel, Mo., 9; Mrs. John M. Turner, Mo., 11; Mrs. Yeats Larason, N. J., 5; W. H. Morris, Ill., 5; Mrs. J. W. Hancock, Tenn., 10; Mrs. Emma Oatman, Wis., 6; Mrs. Lizzie Davis, Mo., 6; Mrs. W. C. Wyman, Wis., 12; Miss Lavern Frates, Neb., 5; Tavia W. Collum, Ark., 5; Mrs. G. R. McCormick, Neb., 5; Pearl I. Ronk, Minn., 5; Mrs. Etta Short, Pa., 5; Mrs. Ida E. McCone, Colo., 7; Mrs. Pearl Graham, Ky., 6; Karl Shaler, Neb., 5; Mrs. Nannie Hilton, Mo., 7; Mrs. Anna B. Bonner, Texas, 6; Merah Hayes, Okla., 5; Mrs. William Smith, Neb., 5; Margaret Kipper, Okla., 5; Ella Phelps, Kans., Mrs. Sam. McCart, Ga., 6; Miss Olga Brown, Miss., 19; Mrs. R. M. Hennick, Texas, 5; Elizabeth Griffith, Ind., 5.

## The Family Doctor

So many inquiries are received by COMFORT concerning the health of the family that a column will be devoted to answering them. The remedies and advice here given are intended only for simple cases; serious cases should be referred to physicians, not to us.  
Address The Family Doctor, COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

L. R., Dresden, Kans.—The little girl is naturally extremely nervous and the only treatment possible is to exercise all possible care in keeping her quiet and preventing any shock. It may require effort on your part now, and that of her father, to always realize her sensitive nerves and to prevent her from being excited or over-punished. The ordinary child will improve under, but it must be done until she grows older and gathers more strength. Possibly she may grow up to be no more nervous than the average nervous woman, with proper care, otherwise no one can say what the result will be.

Brown Eyes, Big Sandy, Texas.—Nothing can be done for your eyes except by a physician or oculist who can examine them, but first of all you must wash the examination made before it is too late.

Constant Reader, Dekalb, Ill.—Now is the very time you should consult a physician whether you dislike to or not. Do you want a little false modesty to stand between you and a whole lifetime of possible good health? We suffer more from ignorance than any other cause, and many times a talk in time with a good physician, though it might cost money, has saved a hundred times the cost in future doctor bills. We imagine you have a daughter. No mother has a right to let a daughter grow up ignorant of simple laws of health that she could easily get from any physician. Go to the doctor and take your daughter with you. An ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure. It is a cause of great suffering to the human race that there isn't a preventive of false modesty in health matters.

E. L. T., Woodsfield, Ohio.—The odors from perspiration may be removed by using ammonia in the water you bathe with. A few drops in a basin of water will be sufficient used at the ordinary times of bathing, or more frequently if necessary. Use tar soap in washing. Powder the affected parts when thoroughly dry with oxide of zinc and rice starch, one part of former to four of latter. Internal remedies may be taken, but only under a physician's direction.

N. L. E., Rockingham, N. C.—Your brother probably has large "disks" which affect the teeth as you describe. It is painful and stubborn, but may be cured if you will go to a physician who has had experience in the treatment of the teeth. No remedy can be suggested except by a physician who examines the patient.

W. E., New Glarus, Wis.—In adults worms are often difficult to remove, but we think if you give your home doctors a fair chance they will drive them out for good. We will not undertake to give you a definite prescription, but first of all you must wash the parts frequently and maintain the utmost cleanliness. Eat no green vegetables, cooked or raw; don't bite your nails, and keep them clean; diet yourself when taking medicine; ask your doctor to give you aloes and asafetida and drink purgative waters. Perseverance in treatment is the only way to succeed to a cure.

H. S. K., Omena, Mich.—We could scarcely undertake to diagnose such a case of paralysis as yours is, when the doctors who have examined you fail in determining what it is. We believe though, from what you say, that you will in time fully recover, and we advise that you keep your spirits up and use all your will power and bodily strength to overcome the trouble. Have you ever asked your doctor to try electric treatment? Don't neglect to call a physician in at intervals to give you what advice may be needed. Don't be discouraged and resolve to get strong again.

J. B. C., Dublin, Va.—A good way to reduce flesh is simply to starve yourself, but not to the limit of injuring your health. Cut out all fats and sweets and starchy foods, eating gluten bread, or dry toast, oatmeal, lean meat, eggs, cheese, green vegetables, fish, except the rich kinds, fresh fruit and pickles. Drink no beer or alcoholic drinks, and very little coffee and tea and no milk. Deep breathing is good as it puts the needed oxygen in your blood. The points to be considered in treatment are age, general condition and hereditary predisposition. If you come of a fat family the chances are against your reducing your weight to normal, though you may reduce it very considerably.

T. L., Kellar, Ark.—For head lice try one part of delphinium staphysagria to four parts of lard, making an ointment which rub in well. Comb out all you can first, and wash the hair thoroughly and when dry apply the ointment.

X. Y. Z., Bismarck, N. Dak.—If you don't know what carbonate of magnesia is you had better not be trying it on yourself. Ask your doctor about it.

Mrs. B. G., Stockton, Cal.—We think your husband has indigestion, though he may think he hasn't. When he has another attack, put him on a diet of the most digestible food you can get and have him keep his bowels open with any laxative that he likes. Soda in hot water after meals, at night and morning is good to take when he has the trouble in his stomach.

Mrs. J. P. E., Guthrie Center, Ia.—You probably have what is called tinea tonsurae and to be cured will require the examination and treatment of a physician who is expert in scalp diseases, or skin diseases. The treatment is long and tedious and is often unsuccessful because patients will not submit to it. Any prescription that we might offer will be of no avail.

Miss C. M., Grand Island, Nebr.—Some forms of rheumatism seem to be practically incurable, though it may be made endurable by treatment. No other disease is any more general among all classes than is rheumatism. (2) Insanity in the form of acute mania may be cured, but real insanity, especially when hereditary, is incurable.

Mrs. B. T., Fossil, Ore.—You should put your boy under the treatment of a good physician and follow his instructions to the letter. Ordinary remedies will do no good. (2) If your rheumatism is severe, only heroic treatment can afford relief, even when the life being sometimes necessary. Ordinary sciatic pains may be relieved by applications of chloroform liniment—saturate a cloth with it and hold tightly over the affected part, but be careful not to let it blister. Take a five grain salicylate of soda tablet three or four times a day for four days at a time, taking nothing but water, and beginning eating again gradually, starting with a little milk taken in sips and not swallowed by the quantity. Have you tried starving?

Mac., Woodbine, Ill.—Your throat trouble is one that can only be treated by personal examination and we advise that you go to Chicago and see a throat specialist. If you are unable to pay much tell the physician so and if he will not grade his charges to your means, find one who will. Throat specialists are plenty.

X. Y. Z., Mayville, N. Dak.—A chronic stomach trouble such as yours can be treated only by a physician in attendance, especially as you seem to think now that it is the result of unskillful treatment in the beginning by an inexperienced doctor. We would suggest that as your trouble is greatest after you have eaten supper, not to eat supper at all, and take in its stead as much water as you can drink and repeat it an hour later. Put in a teaspoonful of baking soda to the quart of water if you have any sourness of the stomach. Many persons with stomach trouble have benefited greatly by starving themselves for three or four days at a time, taking nothing but water, and beginning eating again gradually, starting with a little milk taken in sips and not swallowed by the quantity. Have you tried starving?

H. E. O., Pleasant Lake, N. Dak.—There isn't any "best thing" for headache, a cold, or watery eyes. These troubles have various causes and the remedy varies according to the cause. Diet for catarrh depends upon where the catarrhal condition is. Suppose you go talk to your nearest doctor.

S. S., Sunfield, Mich.—If you mean scrofula, though you do not spell it as we do, there is no off-hand remedy for it as it is constitutional. Get advice from a physician who can make an examination.

J. W. F., Goose Lake, Ia.—If you have gained fifteen pounds a year for four years under the treatment and are now feeling good, we should say you were in good enough luck to stick right to it. As to the results of the Astoria treatment you will have to consult a physician who can examine you.

## Personal To Rheumatics

I want a letter from every man and woman in America afflicted with Rheumatism, Lumbago or Neuralgia, giving me their name and address, so I can send each one **Free A One Dollar Bottle** of my Rheumatic Remedy. I want to convince every Rheumatic sufferer at my expense that my Rheumatic Remedy does what thousands of so-called remedies have failed to accomplish—**ACTUALLY CURES RHEUMATISM**. I know it does, I am sure of it and I want every Rheumatic sufferer to know it and be sure of it, before giving me a penny profit. You cannot cure Rheumatism out through the feet or skin with plasters or cunning metal contrivances. You cannot **seize** it out with liniments, electricity or magnetism. You cannot **seize** it out with mental science. **You Must Drive It Out.** It is in the blood and you must **Go After It and Get It**. This is just what Kuhn's Rheumatic Remedy does and that's why it cures Rheumatism. Rheumatism is Uric Acid and Uric Acid and Kuhn's Rheumatic Remedy cannot live together in the same blood. **The Rheumatism has to go and it does so.** My Remedy cures by sudden stopping of pains, the aching muscles, the throbbing, swollen limbs, and cramped, stiffened joints, and cures quickly.

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who cannot earn enough to keep us in the necessary things of life much less provide the many things a sick person needs. Surely the hand of sorrow and suffering has been heavily laid upon this unfortunate family, and as usual poverty goes hand in hand with those grim horrors, disease and death. You have it in your power, to lift from the frail shoulders of this poor wisp of suffering humanity, the cruel burden of financial worry. You cannot restore her to health, but you can greatly relieve her suffering, and you can all profit by her patience and resignation. This frail body is the habitation of a beautiful spirit and a courageous heart, and anything you may do for her will be done for one who is worthy indeed. The photograph which appears in these columns will plead for her far more eloquently than any printed words of mine. Mrs. Cook is blind, and cannot reply to any letters you write. Her devoted mother does her correspondence, but she, dear soul has her hands full in attending to her home duties and nursing her daughter. Those who put currency in letters, a general practice though a risky one, are naturally anxious to know if their gifts are received safely. I advise all such to put an addressed postal in their letters. It is easy to write a few words on the back of an addressed postal. I don't mind doing that myself, swamped with mail as I am, but my heart sinks within me when people send a two-cent stamp and demand a reply. That means you've got to hunt around for an envelope, dig for writing paper, look up the person's address (half the time the address is illegible), then address the envelope, and if you don't fill all four sides of a sheet of writing paper you're considered a cheap skate and no good. Send addressed postals and cut out the postage stamps when you want gifts acknowledged or inquiries answered. Now I commend poor Mrs. Cook to your loving care.

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## Shut-in and Mercy Work for April

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Written references from postmaster or physician must positively accompany all appeals from shut-ins. Letters unaccompanied by references will be destroyed.

Mrs. Annie Simons, Phoenix, Yazoo Co., Miss. Helpless from rheumatism. A widow seventy-two years old. A daughter who is blind in one eye is heroically striving to keep the home together by sewing. They make little as the neighborhood is a poor one, very remote. Highly

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This is a long list, but all can be aided if your hearts are charitably inclined. If you have any doubt as to whom to help, divide your dollar into dimes, and begin at the bottom of the list. Better have the satisfaction in your mind that you have helped ten people a little with one dime each, than one a great deal with a dollar.

## Uncle Charlie

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## Comfort Sisters' Corner

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## Remedies

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COUGH REMEDY.—No 1. Take equal parts (about what one can hold in their hand) of wild cherry bark, pine tops, mullein and boardwood. Cover with water and stew until the strength is removed and strain. Add enough sugar to make a syrup and boil. It is good for colds in old and young. No danger if the baby gets an over-dose. Dose.—One teaspoonful every few hours.

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Mrs. S. S. LEMON, Gypsum, Colo.

SNAKE BITE.—Make a poultice by cutting fine and mashing three large onions and stirring in as much salt as you can. Bind onto the bite. I have tested this myself.

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Don't suffer with agonizing gasping for breath, coughing, spitting, hawking, foul breath, losing flesh, fainting, etc. My "Liquid Remedy" will cure you immediately and permanently by a new principle. Send your name and address and those of afflicted friends and I will mail you a Free Trial Treatment in plain wrapper. Write me at once. T. GORHAM, 1305 Gorham Building, Battle Creek, Mich.

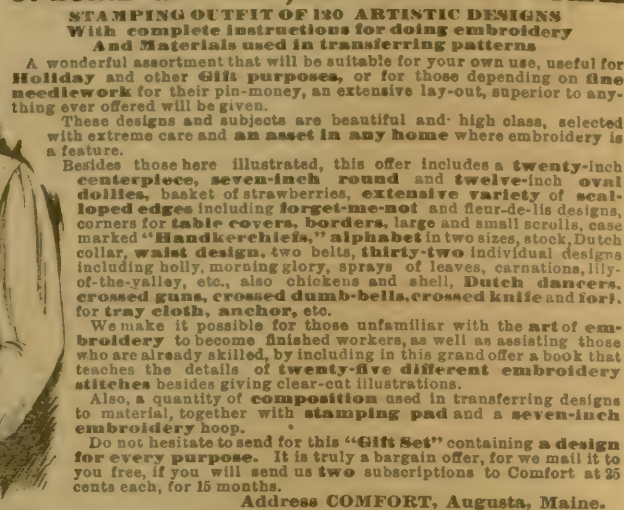
## GOITRE

## Trial Treatment Free

Don't allow an ugly goitre to disfigure you and sap your vitality. It's dangerous and unnecessary. Send today for my blood free treatment, which will prove that you can be cured. Some cases report having been cured by my Trial Treatment alone. Relief from choking and other alarming symptoms and reduction in size of goitre, result quickly. Don't allow past disappointments to discourage you. My success is the result of long study of this disease. I will send you letters from many grateful patients to whom you may write. The trial home treatment costs you nothing. I send it absolutely free without any obligation. Write me for it today.

DR. W. T. BOBO, Goitre Specialist, 615 Minty Bldg., Battle Creek, Michigan.

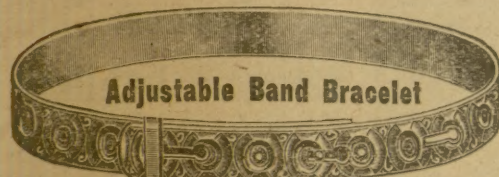




Don't let the prizes all get by. Enter now and make a try. It costs you nothing and it pays you well.

**ENTER NOW: Win an April Prize; Win a Grand Prize, too. April is Your Last Chance.**





Adjustable Band Bracelet

for that length of time under our guarantee. Our lady readers will enjoy this Bracelet, and, as it is making extra special inducements for clubs, so we have purchased this Bracelet in such quantities we are enabled to offer them to you now at a tremendous bargain rate.

**Club Offer.** Send us only one new 15-months subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents for one of these beautiful Bracelets free. It positively must be a new subscription. Send 10 cents extra, 35 cents in all, for your own sub. or a renewal. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## FAT is Dangerous

It is Unsightly, Uncomfortable, Spoils the Figure, Causing Wrinkles, Flabbiness and Loss of Vigor.

Let me send you my Proof Treatment absolutely Free. Would You like to Reduce Your Fat a Pound a day?



Note what my treatment has done for others; let me reduce your weight.

**Lost 115 Pounds.** Mrs. E. M. Reynolds, Lehigh, Iowa, writes: "When I began your treatment I weighed 285 lbs. I now weigh 170 lbs. & never felt better in my life. My bust measure is reduced from 34 inches to 28 inches; waist from 42 in. to 28 inches."

**Permanent.** M. E. King, 5634 Spaulding Ave., Chicago, writes: "By the Dr. Bradford Method, I reduced 85 lbs. eight years ago; haven't gained an ounce since. Rheumatism also cured."

**Lost 112 Pounds.** W. C. Newburn, Contact, Nev., writes: "I have lost 112 lbs., am wonderfully benefited in heart and general vigor. Can climb mountains easily now."

**Lost 98 Pounds.** Mrs. J. H. Wooldridge, Galena, Mo., writes: "My figure and appearance have been wonderfully improved. Have lost 98 lbs. Friends amazed."

Many other testimonials from well known persons will be mailed with FREE PROOF TREATMENT.

I could fill every page of this journal with testimonials from grateful patients.

It is dangerous, unsightly, uncomfortable, and embarrassing to be too fat. Excess fat weakens the heart. The liver, lungs, stomach, and kidneys become diseased, the breathing becomes difficult and the end may come in HEART FAILURE and sudden death.

I want to prove to you that my treatment has positively reduced legions of persons to normal, no matter where the excess fat was located: stomach, bust, hips, cheeks, neck. Weight is quickly and safely reduced without tedious exercise or starving. Eat what you like. Your figure will be beautified; wrinkles disappear. Rheumatism, asthma, shortness of breath, kidney and heart troubles usually leave as the fat goes away. I will send you without a cent of charge to you my PROOF TREATMENT FREE.

Don't miss this offer. My PROOF TREATMENT is FREE. It should make you feel better at once. I will also send you free my new book of advice, together with testimonials from many well known people. Write to-day. DR. H. C. BRADFORD, 78 E. Bradford Building, East 22d St., New York, N. Y.

NOTE—Dr. Bradford is a diplomate, practicing physician, licensed and registered by the State of New York; famous many years as a specialist in reducing fat and improving health by scientific, gentle, home treatment.

### WARRANTED TO WEAR FIVE YEARS

Will Perfectly Fit Largest or Smallest Wrist

As shown in illustration, it is a beautifully engraved band of gold one quarter inch wide, has three adjustment slots and a pin. The pin may be put in first slot for largest size, in last slot for smallest size and in center for medium. It is a simple, practical adjustment that does just what it is intended to do and does it well. You cannot lose this Bracelet. Warranted for five years; meaning, the gold finish is durable.

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### Comfort Sisters' Corner

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#### Requests

Mrs. Rebecca Pennington, Weathers, Madison Co., Ark., a lonely shut-in, letters.

Mrs. F. W. Schnessler, Cook, N. Dak., lonely, flower seeds and quilt pieces.

Mrs. Homer D. Christman, Eagleport, Ohio, Battenberg patterns.

Mrs. Nate Burr, Perry, R. I., Ohio, letters from mothers.

Mrs. Lillie Ingram, Bland, Bell Co., Texas, shower in May.

Mrs. Arthur Myers, Dagne P. O., Ark., letters from Missouri sisters.

Beulah Campbell, Randall, Ill., letters from girls of same age, fifteen years.

Mrs. Charles W. Streb, Allegheny, Box 229, Pa., correspond.

#### Missing Relatives and Friends

We shall only require you to get a small club of subscribers to COMFORT for each request printed; so in sending your notice for insertion in the Missing Relatives' column, include a club of three 15-month 25-cent subscriptions, or if you are already a paid-in-advance subscriber, send only two new 15-month 25-cent subscriptions. This amount limits the notice to twenty-two words, making three lines; if longer notice is required, send two additional 25-cent 15-month subscriptions yearly for every seven words.

Mrs. F. M. Hartsorn, Carleton, Fla., very anxious to learn whereabouts of her son Eddie, last heard from in Colorado.

Wanted, to know whereabouts of two sisters; maiden name Barrett. Last known of were in Rhode Island and New Jersey. Their brother is alive and well. Communicate with Mrs. C. P. Owens, Seligman, Ariz.

Adolph Leonard Mannerberg, born in Stockholm, Sweden, 1854, was last heard from in Chicago 1880-1890. He, or others who know him, please write Mrs. O. Torstenson, 125 Linden St., Yonkers, N. Y.

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Robert N. Clark, last heard from in Gloversville, N. Y. about five years ago, please communicate with C. Stover, 9 Oak St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

George Washington Collier left New York in 1897 for "Klondyke." Was in Memphis, Tenn., in summer 1899, and San Francisco in fall 1899. Mrs. Hedlin, 238 East 8th St., New York City, N. Y.

#### Comfort Postal Requests

How to Get a Lot of Souvenir Postals Free

Exchanging Souvenir Post Cards is no longer a "fad" but a custom as firmly established as letter writing, and more convenient and pleasing. By entering this Exchange list you are enabled to accumulate cards from every state in the Union and Foreign Countries. To secure the appearance of your name in the Exchange List it is necessary to send COMFORT and fifty cents to pay for same. We will send you a very fine Fifty Card Album for Post Cards, and your name will appear in the next available issue of COMFORT, and you will be expected to return cards for all received by you.

Ernest Toler, Orosi, Box 74, Cal. Mrs. J. Lange, 8111 W. Madison St., Cleveland, Ohio. Emil Koskinen, Hayward, Box 246, Wis. Mary C. Potter, Ionia, Mich. Buildings and scenery. Miss Hattie Damer, No. 7 Green St., Saco, Maine. B. F. Lampier, 430 State St., Beloit, Wis. William H. Weiss, 845 14th St., Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. H. Wellner, 421 Scott St., Baltimore, Md. Miss Beata Renthon, Northwood, R. I. 4, N. Dak. Robert Wilkinson, Wytheville, R. I. 2, Va. W. J. Good, Walnright, Box 49, Ohio. Mrs. V. A. Woodmansee, Jr., 10 Jewell St., (Olinville), Providence, R. I. Buildings and scenery. Mr. Andrew Koth, Odessa, Box 135, Wash. (No comics). Mr. Inez I. Born, Millersport, Ohio. Miss Annie Gloer, Marietta, R. R. 8, Box 19, Ga. Nettie M. Ott, Seneca, Box 415, Kans. Miss Anna Steele, Creston, Ohio. Edie M. Welsenfue, Hamilton, Oregon. Miss Fannie Hill, Jessup, Ga. Gen. Del. Alfred Levin, Princeton, R. I. 2, Box 128, Minn. L. D. Renner, Minet, Va. Mrs. F. D. Sweet, 167 Park Ave., Connecticut. Mrs. F. D. Alexander, Box 224, S. C. Andrew McLaughlin, Christian Union, Mr. George W. Smith, Connerville, Box 35, Ind. Edgar Fowler, Allen, R. R. 1, Texas. Miss Beatrice George, No. 24 Adams St., East San Jose, Cal. Miss Helen Page, 1634 Burling St., Chicago, Ill. Lloyd J. Frick, Red Wing, R. R. 8, Box 46, Minn. Fred Hale, Hermon, Ill. Miss Lorraine C. Wornner, 425 N. Market St., Frederick, Md. Julia Eastman, Trenton, Box 49, Nebr. Mr. Edd. Vaughan, Texico, Box 156, New Mexico.

#### NOT A PATENT MEDICINE

Bodi-Tone, the tablet medicine which is becoming so popular through its cures, is not a patent medicine. Its ingredients are not a secret. It contains Iron Phosphate, Gentian, Lithia, Chinese Rhubarb, Peruvian Bark, Nux Vomica, Oregon Grape Root, Cascara, Capsicum, Sarsaparilla and Golden Seal. Such ingredients guarantee its merit. Read the trial offer on last page.

## PILES LEG SORES

Absolutely cured. Never to return. A Boon to Sufferers. Acts like Magic. Address Trial Box MAILED FREE Address Dr. E. M. Botot, Box 709, Augusta, Maine.

Cared by ANTI-FLAMMA Poulitice Plaster. Stops the itching around sore. Cures while you work. DESCRIBE CASE and get FREE SAMPLE. Bayles Co., 1823 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

## A PRIZE FOR EVERYONE WHO TRIES

Cash Prizes All Sizes—Other Prizes Two Sizes

make it worth your while to CUT THIS PICTURE OUT and fit it together according to directions. If you FIT IT TOGETHER correctly and mail it to us with ONE fifteen-month subscription to COMFORT at 25 cents, before the tenth of May, AS A PRIZE FOR YOUR SKILL we will send you by return mail 25 Easter Post Cards choice new BRIGHT COLORED and decorative—EMBOSSED and printed in many BRILLIANT tints and gold effects, and embellished with appropriate designs of the CROSS, CHICKS, EGGS, LAMBS, RABBITS, EASTER LILIES, BELLS and LOVELY HUMAN FACES and FIGURES, and prettily inscribed with such apt sentiments as "A JOYOUS EASTER," "EASTER GREETINGS," "A HAPPY EASTER," and "BEST EASTER WISHES," beautifully executed in splendid harmonies of colors with contrasts of gold effects, giving you the latest and most artistic assortment.

UNDERSTAND, all you have to do is to send us ONE 25-cent subscription to COMFORT with the cut-up picture puzzle in order to GET ONE PRIZE SURE, perhaps two prizes, but that subscription MUST NOT BE YOUR OWN nor that of any member of your family.

OR WE WILL SEND YOU 50 OF THESE SPLENDID CARDS, if you send us TWO 25-cent subscriptions with the cut-up picture puzzle; but REMEMBER that you have to get both subscriptions outside of your family.

#### CASH PRIZES ALSO

BESIDES THE EASTER CARDS OFFERED above, which you are sure to receive as explained above, we will give for the BEST and MOST NEATLY CUT OUT, FITTED TOGETHER AND MOUNTED COMPLETE PICTURE formed of these cut-up pieces and SENT US WITH ONE OR MORE subscriptions before the tenth of May

A FIRST PRIZE OF	\$3.00 cash
For second best a prize of	2.00 "
For third best a prize of	1.00 "
For fourth best a prize of	1.00 "
For fifth best a prize of	1.00 "
For each of the 10 next best a prize of	.50 each

YOU MAY WIN TWO PRIZES. THE LOVELY EASTER CARDS come to you by return mail SURE, if you cut out the picture, fit it together and send it to us with one or more subscriptions as above explained, and if your work in fitting together and mounting the cut-up picture is among the fifteen best you ALSO RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE.

Directions. All the parts of the entire cut-up picture are printed above. Cut out the pieces and fit them together. Match the pieces together and paste them on a piece of paper or cardboard mount so as to form the complete picture, and then mail to us with one or more subscriptions.

IT'S EASY: IT'S LOTS OF FUN and WINS A PRIZE SURE, perhaps TWO PRIZES.

Address COMFORT'S PUZZLE, Test E., Augusta, Maine.

Don't Send the Puzzle to Us Unless You Send the Subscription with the Money.

Read offer carefully. We do not give a box of Cards with your own subscription.

## No More Wrinkles

BEAUTIFUL BUST

SUPERFLUOUS HAIR VANISHES LIKE MAGIC BY A NEW DISCOVERY

PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS REMOVED FOREVER

Let this woman send you free, everything she agrees, and beautify your face and form quickly.



SHE LOOKS LIKE A GIRL OF 18

This clever woman has not a wrinkle upon her face; she has perfected a marvelous, simple method which brought a wonderful change in her face in a single night. For removing wrinkles and developing the bust, her method is truly wonderfully rapid.

She made herself the woman she is today and brought about the wonderful change in her appearance in a secret and pleasant manner. Her complexion is as clear and fair as that of a child. She turned her scrawny figure into a beautiful bust and well-developed form. She had thin, scrawny eyelashes and eyebrows, which could scarcely be seen, and she made them long, thick and beautiful by her own methods and removed every blackhead and pimple from her face in a single night.

You can imagine her joy, when by her own simple discovery, she removed every wrinkle from her face and developed her thin neck and form to beautiful proportions.

Nothing is taken into the stomach, no cosmetic massage, no harmful plasters, no worthless creams.

By her new process, she removes wrinkles and develops the whole figure plump and fat.

It is simply astonishing the hundreds of women who write in regarding the wonderful results from this new beauty treatment, which is beautifying their face and form after beauty doctors and other methods failed.

Mary Merritt, of Wis., writes, her wrinkles have entirely disappeared. Miss Hanson writes, her bust is beautifully developed and wrinkles gone. Mrs. Markham writes, her wrinkles vanished over night.

Miss Alice Day writes, every blackhead and pimple has vanished forever.

The valuable new beauty book which Madame Cunningham is sending free to thousands of women is certainly a blessing to womanhood, as it makes known her remarkable methods of beautifying the face and figure of unattractive women.

All our readers should write her at once and she will send you absolutely free all she agrees, and will show our readers: How to remove wrinkles in 8 hours; how to develop the bust; how to make, long, thick eyelashes and eyebrows; how to remove superfluous hair; how to remove blackheads, pimples and freckles; how to remove dark circles under the eyes; how to quickly remove double chin; how to build up sunken cheeks & add flesh to the body; how to darken gray hair & stop hair falling; how to stop forever perspiration odor.

Simply address your letter to Evelyn Cunningham, Suite A303, 7 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., and don't send any money, because particulars are free, as this charming woman is doing her utmost to benefit girls or women in need of secret information which will add to their beauty and make life sweeter and lovelier in every way.

## Healthy, Happy Children BORN WITHOUT PAIN

To Women Who Dread Motherhood

The wretchedness and sorrow of childless parents and the dread of the pains of childbirth, which is so often deferred and can all be done away. Dr. J. H. Dye's system positively cures sterility and assures easy and absolutely painless childbirth.

Thousands of happy parents and grateful women testify to the wonderful success of Dr. Dye's treatment. If you will send him your name and address he will mail you a deeply interesting illustrated book, which explains fully how happy, healthy children can be born without pain. Address Dr. J. H. Dye, 671 Lewis Block, Buffalo, N. Y.

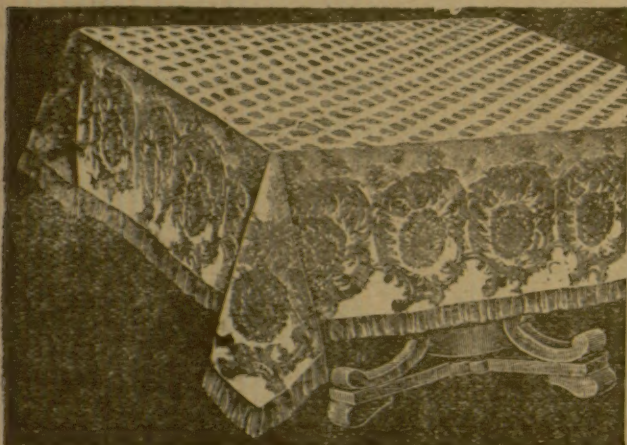
Lay this paper down and write now before you forget or misplace it.

#### CUT IT OUT



#### ONE PRIZE SURE





### Imported Scotch Turkey Red Cloth.

A superior quality genuine Scotch imported Turkey red damask table-cloth, fringed. These table covers are of heavy weight, closely woven material, with heavy fringe, and the designs are all up-to-date floral effects that are very attractive, guaranteed fast color. Size 60 x 60 inches.

**Club Offer.** Send only six subscriptions to Comfort at 25c. each for 15 months and receive one of these Scotch Turkey Red Table-Cloths. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

### A Silken Shower from a Necktie Factory. A Big Lot of Real Silk, also Plush and Stamped Satin

### REMNANTS FOR CRAZY PATCHWORK.



ART in needlework is on the advance. We know the ladies delight in odd pieces of silk and satin—"CRAZY QUILTS" making is again VERY POPULAR. We are sure we have a bargain that all ladies will now delight in. Bright, handsome, odd-shaped, and pretty colored goods accumulate very fast at all NECKTIE FACTORIES; the styles were never so bright and pretty as they have been the past season and they are now burdened with remnants of many RICH GOODS. We have thousands of pieces of silk and satin on hand which we are going to give you a big trade on. People at a distance have hard times getting the right assortment to put into sofa-pillows, quilts, etc., and we can help you out now. Our packages contain from 10 to 100 pieces of the best quality assorted goods, and we want to get our great monthly and a lot introduced into every home; then you can order as you like for your friends, and MAKE MONEY doing our work and helping yourself also. Remember these

pieces are carefully trimmed, and especially adapted to all sorts of fancy, art, and needlework. Many ladies sell tidies, fancy pillows, etc., at a great price made from these remnants. Order one sample subscription lot now for only 50c.

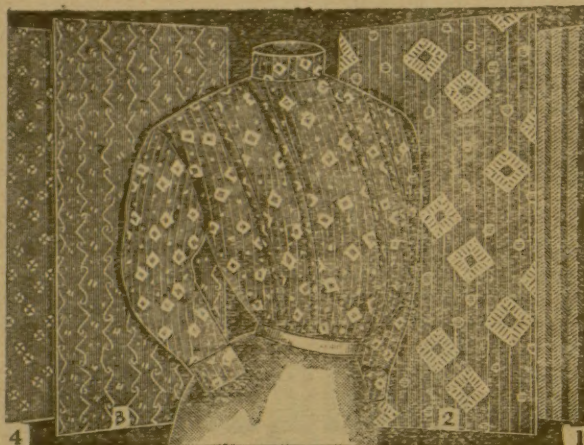
**Grand Offer:** If you order AT ONCE, we will give you several rich, bright and beautiful stamped satin pieces; each piece contains nine square inches and being stamped by hand with a graceful design for embroidery, is a big bargain.

**Five Skeins Embroidery Silks Free.** In order to work your stamped satin and other pieces, we also send absolutely FREE, five skeins of elegant embroidery silk, all different bright colors. This silk is worth nearly the price we ask for the remnants; but we know if you ORDER ONE lot we will sell many to your locality, to make this liberal offer besides giving you a large and elegant piece of Plush.

**BEST WAY.** We send ONE of the above complete assorted lots FREE as a reward to all who send 35 cents for 15-months subscription to "COMFORT," the best Home Monthly now published, and in order to get you to advertise "COMFORT" and sell big bargains to your friends and neighbors, we will send free with each package, our great book **With Eight Full-Page Illustrations** for taking ACT EMBROIDERY STITCHES, or for other ornamental work where Fancy Stitches are used, it has no equal. It shows how pieces for patchwork may be put together to get the best effect, how to cover up seams with fancy stitches, how to join edges, etc. The book illustrates over one hundred and fifty of these, besides directions for taking ACT EMBROIDERY STITCHES comprising the Outline and Kensington Stitches, Arrasene and Charlie Embroidery, Ribbon Work, Plush or Tufted Stitches, etc. It also tells how to do Kensington Painting.

**REMEMBER** we send one big lot (over 100 pieces) Silk Remnants, the assorted stamped satin piece, 5 SKEINS Embroidery silk, plush, and a great book on embroidery together with 15-months subscription to "COMFORT," all for only 35 cents, or you may send two subscribers at 25c. each for 15 months and receive one lot free. Three lots and 15 mos. subscription, 65c.; five lots and subscription, for \$1.00.

Address COMFORT, Silk Dept. 4 Augusta, Maine.



### Imported Mercerized Waistings

This is imported from Manchester, England, and is the product of one of the largest manufacturers of white goods in that city, from whom we obtain the finest goods. The waistings is made of the finest grade of yarn, perfectly woven, and snow white bleached and mercerized with a beautiful luster finish. The goods are supplied in an assortment of four designs as illustrated, all very neat and attractive effects. Comes 27 inches wide and three and one-half yards in a pattern piece; ample for one shirt waist, enabling one to use their own pattern and get up a perfect fitting waist at considerable saving.

**Club Offer.** Send only four subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months for one pattern piece, and you have your choice of four designs. Order by number, and address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## THIS BIG POST CARD ALBUM FREE



### DON'T MISS THIS PREMIUM

We show this album as it opens, showing that four cards may be displayed before you on the 2 pages, also each leaf accommodates four cards, two front and back; the entire album accommodates fifty cards. You preserve and exhibit cards at same time. The average post-card collector would naturally require three or four of these albums every year, now that post cards are produced in such various seasonable subjects. One could fill an album with all different Christmas cards and again with birthday and greeting cards, still another album for travel cards received from friends who are residing at a distance or travelling. In this way one can arrange and classify their cards and they will then be preserved in a nice way and when you want to show them to your friends they are presentable in a tasteful manner for exhibition.

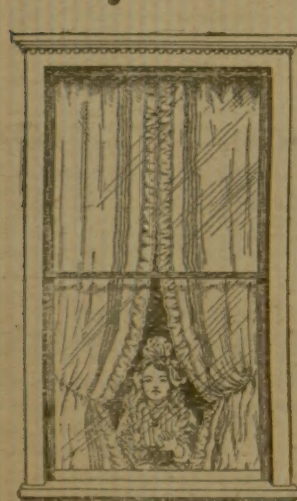
### ALSO LOTS OF CARDS FREE

To go with ALBUMS. As long as they last you get CARDS and ALBUMS and COMFORT at these liberal terms.

### Club Offer

Send 25 cents for a 15-months subscription to COMFORT, with 5 cents extra, 30 cents in all, for an Album and 15 cards. We give a fine lot of cards free with each album so you have an assortment of 15 beautiful cards, comprising all the popular subjects, such as Christmas, New Year's and Santa Claus, embossed in gold floral, birthday and sentiment, greeting cards, views of public buildings, bird and landscape cards as well as special Easter designs. You will miss a great big opportunity if you let this offer escape you. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Me.

### Dainty Muslin Curtains.



Spring suggests renovating and new things for the home. New window curtains are most desirable, usually much needed. These dainty white muslin curtains are just fresh and new, direct to us from the manufacturers who made them especially for us. Each curtain is full 32 inches wide and 7 1/2 feet long. The material very fine and excellent quality with the best of workmanship. Each curtain has five dainty tucks, a full ruffle with hem-stitched edge and is finished very neatly. Muslin Curtains have three good qualities which stand out prominently: They tend to create in our homes a dainty, wholesome, immaculate atmosphere and a charm of style and elegance. They are very easily laundered and will wear well holding their pure white freshness an entire season.

**Club Offers.** If you will send us a club of only 5 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for fifteen months, we will send one pair of Curtains to you as a free premium. A club of only nine 25-cent fifteen month subscriptions secures two pairs and we send three pairs for only 14 subscriptions at 25c. each. COMFORT goes to each subscriber 15 months and Curtains to you. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

### Seven-Piece Drinking Set



Lemonade, Water,  
or Milk Set  
For Family Use

An entirely new combination Lemonade, Milk and Water Set of seven pieces. The Pitcher has a capacity of three liquid quarts, attractive in design, low and broad with good proportion, and a stout handle. The six cups or mugs have slender, graceful lines with handles and the capacity of the usual drinking glass. The decoration is new both in design and treatment. A large spray of cherries or grapes with green leaves on a ground of color, shading from a solid tone at top to a slight tint at center, the remainder in plain white. The Pitcher and Mugs are finished with a gold rim around edge of each. The illustration deserves your careful attention; observe the size and shape of each piece, the attractive application of the decoration. Clay imported from England, is used in the make up of these sets. The decoration is underglazed, will not wash or wear off. Although durable, capable of withstanding wear and use, the general effect of decorations and shape is very dainty and charming.

We offer you the Sets in Cherries Red, as shown, also Grapes Blue, and allow you to choose your preference. Each set carefully and skillfully packed and shipped by freight or express.

**Club Offer.** Send only 10 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months; state whether you prefer Red or Blue decoration; order will be filled same day. Be sure and give your freight and express office address. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

### Three Quart Pitcher Six Handled Cups

Cherries Red,  
Grapes Blue,  
Solid Gold  
Lined Edges,  
Extremely  
Effective  
Decoration



## FREE This Beautiful Monogram Dinner Set of 42 Pieces

Each Piece Decorated with your Initial in Gold. Positively the Biggest and Finest Dinner Set ever Given Away as a Free Present. Any Lady Can Earn this Set in a Few Hours' Time.

This beautiful Monogram Dinner Set, full size, for family use, consisting of 42 pieces just as shown, is a present that will bring delight to the heart of any housewife and can be had absolutely free of charge for a few hours' easy, pleasant work among your neighbors and the people of your vicinity. This set is made of finest Parisian china, is a pure delicate white and decorated with wild rose design in colors, with the edges traced in gold. It is a set of dishes that you will be proud to own and put on your table and show your friends.

Your own initial in pure gold will be on every piece except the cups and saucers. The set consists of six large plates, six dessert plates, six large cups and saucers, six sauce or fruit dishes, six butter plates, two large vegetable dishes, one large platter, one cake plate, one bread plate, and one gravy bowl, making 42 separate pieces, positively the grandest array of dishes ever offered for this small amount of work.

**Club Offer:** For only 14 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each, for fifteen months we will present you with one of these beautiful Monogram 42-Piece Dinner Sets. The set will be carefully packed and shipped by freight upon receipt of the club order. Remember only 14 subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents for 15 months procure this Gold Decorated 42-Piece Initial Dinner Set. State what initial wanted when ordering. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



## Plain Band Baby Ring

In preference to our Baby, Pet and Darling engraved Baby Rings many prefer a plain gold band. In response to this demand we have just added this new number to our premium list and now offer you a real gold ring for Baby that is dignified and beautiful, will wear indefinitely and give entire satisfaction. Send a club of only two new subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months. We will send the ring in a cute box, post-paid. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## Heart Signet Stone Ring

Just a dear little ring for the young ladies. Small in design and treatment, made exclusively for the young miss, not ready for older styles or advanced customs. The band is slightly engraved near the heart center, which is mounted with a tiny sparkling white stone chip. Little ladies from seven to seventeen are more fond of finger rings than their elders. This is a splendid selection, made up of good quality material, with gold enough to wear for years, yet not expensive.

**Club Offer.** A club of only three 15-months 25-cent subscriptions secures one of these mounted Signet Rings in a neat little ring box. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## Solid Gold Wedding Ring

The genuine article. No sham, no substitute, this is a genuine Gold Ring, as such we advertise and guarantee it. Our illustration merely shows the general style, a wide, heavy band ring for either ladies or gentlemen, it is in proper size and style today. If you are about to be, or are married, and require a real wedding ring this is an unusual opportunity to procure the correct thing in a ring and at a reasonable cost. We fully and we unequivocally guarantee this Wedding Ring to be genuine solid gold, not plated, gold shell or other ingenious imitation. Your money back at any time, so don't go to store-keepers and pay enormous profits but avail yourself of our

**Club Offer.** For a club of only eight subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, we will send you one of these genuine Solid Gold Wedding Rings in a plush-lined ring box. Send finger measurement. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## Fancy Chased and Plain Band Gold Shell Finger Rings.

Newest designs of chasing and correct widths. For persons of all ages, a refined and dignified ring worn on all occasions. They are 14K gold plate, will wear a long time. **Club Offer.** For 25-cent subscribers at 25 cents each, we will send you your choice of one of these rings. Send finger measurement.

**Gold Band Wedding Ring.** A suitable wedding ring most used for the occasion. It is a heavy band ring of 14K gold plate, wears long and satisfactorily. Many years have they been used as wedding rings, the quality is the best and you may be assured you will not regret having selected one if you order today. **Club Offer.** We send one in a plush lined box free of all expense for a club of four 15-months subscribers at 25 cents each. Send finger measurement. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## FREE SILVER SPOONS.

We can furnish our customers with a warranted quadruple plated Silver Spoon in one of the handsomest patterns imaginable. It was our good fortune to find a large line of silverware that could be bought cheaply, and our customers are getting the benefit. The pattern of these spoons is new and very attractive and we have Forks of same design to match, also Knives. We are anxious to increase the circulation of our big monthly magazine right away and are to make a liberal gift offer on these spoons to introduce our Magazine and obtain the subscriptions. As we guarantee these spoons you should have no hesitancy about ordering at once.

**SPECIAL OFFER.** If you will send us two 15-months subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each, we will send the magazine one whole year to the addresses and to you we will send as a free gift a Set of Six Spoons. For a club of 4 you can earn a dozen Spoons. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## LADIES' UNDERGARMENTS MADE AT HOME FOR YOURSELF OR THE CHILDREN

From your Own patterns and ideas of fine quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH.



Suggesting some of its practical uses. Every mother or grown-up daughter appreciates well-fitted stylish undergarments. The children and especially the babies look best dressed in all white. Think of the garments made of white linen or lawn in the outfit of every family, and mother has to make nearly all, if not all, of them by hand. COMFORT has selected a twelve yard piece of extra fine quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH, or linen fine and sheer in quality and texture which is manufactured solely for women's undergarments. Probably you know just what the material is and just how satisfactory it makes up into Drawers, Corset Covers, Nightgowns, Marguerites or Chemise, or for Baby's underclothes, dresses, etc. In a twelve yard piece there is sufficient material for many different pieces, it is a family supply for a long time. If any of the young ladies of the family are to be married here is an opportunity to obtain the necessary material for the wedding outfit, and it is fine enough and pretty enough for any bride. Each piece is twelve yards long and the material is 36 inches wide. With every twelve yard piece we will supply free of charge one paper pattern which may be selected from our regular pattern offer, elsewhere in this publication. **Club Offer.** We shall send one twelve yard piece of this First quality ENGLISH LONG CLOTH for a club of only eight 15-months subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each. A remarkable bargain offer. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## LADIES' GOLD SHELL RINGS YOU CAN GET ONE FOR A CLUB OF ONLY FOUR

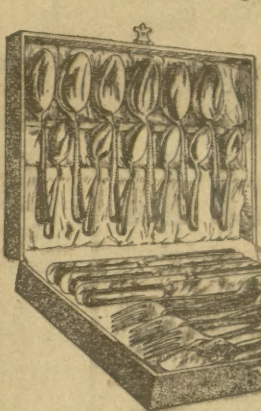


The delight of every young lady is in having handsome finger rings of the latest style and finish set with three handsome stones. A large center stone with smaller ones on either side same as shown in the illustration. These are Gold shell Rings you may be proud of and they will wear well and not turn; they look like gold, wear like gold, and will stand gold tests. These settings are very rich and look refined and just as attractive as rings costing much money. We have three styles of settings and will allow you to make your own selections, Opal, Emerald and Ruby, with the finest imitation chip diamonds which add great brilliancy and set off the whole ring. We guarantee the sparkle of these stones to be quite equal to Genuine Diamonds costing hundreds of dollars and are always behind this guarantee. Each stone is set separately in Tiffany style and is sent in a nice Ring Box, plush-lined, just the ornament for your room and keeps the ring clean and from getting lost when not in use.



**Opal.** These Rings Are Free. We bought these rings to give away and the following offers are liberal enough to enable every reader to own one at once. Mothers should have one. The boys should get one for their sweethearts. They make a swell present. We will give one ring Free for a club of only four 15 mo. subscribers at 25 cents each. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

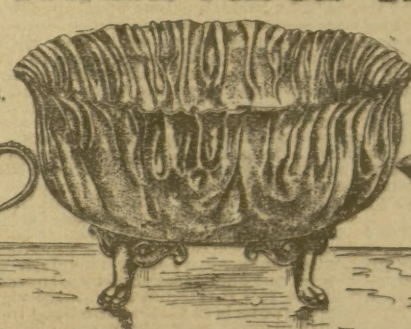
## Twenty - Six Piece Table silver Set



SIX KNIVES, SIX FORKS, SIX TABLESPOONS, SIX TEASPOONS, BUTTER-KNIFE, SUGAR SHELL. Attractively arranged in a lined case, as shown in our illustration. You need no longer wish for a SILVER SET. Here we offer it, in a very substantial HINGED COVER CASE, covered with EMBOSSED PLUSH, a metal clasp, intended to be displayed in your DINING-ROOM where it serves both as an ornament and a receptacle for the Silver when not in use. Chests and Cases of Solid Silver look no better and serve their purpose no more satisfactorily than these sets we offer for a few subscribers. The combination of pieces is just right, splendid patterns in the right quantities, substantially made on hard metal base highly plated, are durable, wearable, useful and satisfying all through. **COMBINATION SILVER SETS** are a new style and are in great demand, all the jewelers show and sell them, so you should have one of your own and have it now at the liberal subscription offer we can now make. **Club Offer.** Send us only 16 subscribers to COMFORT at 25c. each for 15 months for a complete 26 piece Set in lined, leatherette-covered hinged case. To be sent to your own (or nearest) express office free of charge. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## SPLENDID THREE-PIECE SILVER SET

The Smaller Round Dish for Candy, Olives, Nuts, Whipped Cream or Pickles.



The Seven-Inch Dish for Salad, Fruit, Nuts and Candy.

The illustration represents only the general style of the three-piece set. One gets no idea from this of the unusual beauty, nor of the effectiveness of this ruffled silver effect. The whole set or single pieces will prove exceptionally useful. A cream pitcher, sugar bowl and the large dish make up the set. The large dish may be used for berries, fruit, nuts, whipped cream, jelly, preserves or other purposes, or if preferred as an ornament for the table or mantle, but the pitcher will be useful daily on the dining table, or may be kept for best, and the sugar bowl, which will oftentimes be of use for other things, such as olives, nuts, or whipped cream. These sets are unusually large, full size, practical size, the big bowl is seven inches in diameter, four inches high, with capacity of at least three pints, the sugar bowl and cream pitcher are of just the right size, have four feet and handles. Each piece is gold lined and will positively wear for years and give entire satisfaction. **Club Offer.** Send only 8 15-months subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each for this Gold Lined Silver Set of three pieces, which will be sent by mail or express prepaid. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## STONE SIGNET GOLD RING



Introduced this season for first time and at once displaces old style initial signet ring. Stone mountings of every kind are now worn exclusively. Nearly all rings except plain band now are given the added touch of a stone of some kind. This engraved ring has artistic lines, is heavy and durable, a new style in every way, enhanced in beauty by the single imitation chip diamond setting in center. This is a swell ring for young ladies, or old; it can be worn as a man's ring with taste. One of, if not the best of our new rings. **Club Offer.** Send only four subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, and give finger size. We will send ring at once in an attractive ring box. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## 5 Yards Imported Scotch Crash



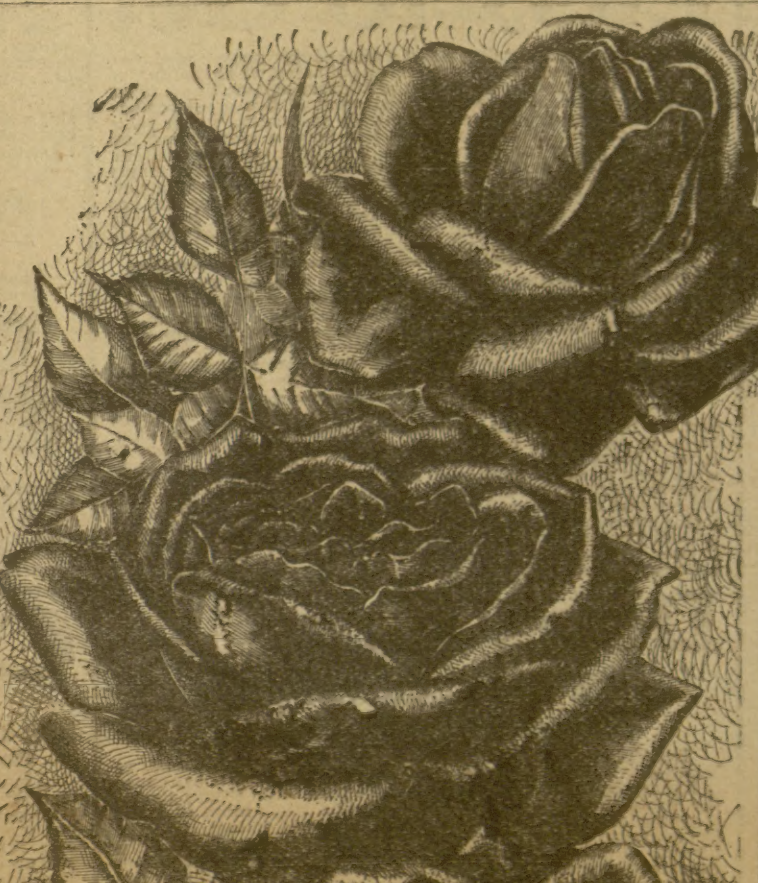
This bolt of toweling will make two roller towels 2 1-2 yards long, or four hand towels 45 inches long, or six dish towels 30 inches long. It is all pure linen heavy weight bleached crash with red stripe border, and is imported direct from the mills in Scotland where the finest of this class of goods is made. The width is 16 inches. **Club Offer.** For a club of only 4 15-mo. subscribers to COMFORT at 25 cents each, we will send you one of these five yard bolts of crash. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## White Tailored Shirt-Waist



The Newest fashionable waist, for ladies and Misses, made of high-grade, pure, white linen like material, with stiff cuffs, and odd irregular front, four ruffles is shown with large ornamental pearl buttons. The illustration well represents the general style of the waist; and one distinctive feature is the fit of these garments. In any sizes from 32 to 44 the measurements are guaranteed, hence a perfect fit is assured. A 36 waist in the make is exactly 36, and will be found to have perfect dimensions, at bust, waist, neck and shoulder, confirming the size. The cutting, stitching and fine lines all represent first-class work. A tailored, City made, Shirt-waist free for only a few subscribers. It is easily obtained, is an unusual and desirable opportunity. Do not miss it. We have seen waists no more desirable, retailed for \$3.00 each. **Club Offer.** Send only six subscriptions to COMFORT at 25c. for 15 months, give waist measure and waist will be forwarded at once post-paid. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.

## Six Superb Rose Plants FREE Of Radiant Color, Beauty and Odor Wonderful offer to Lovers of Flowers



One of the oldest and largest Rose Growers in the world has repeated the arrangement to supply us with an unlimited quantity of STRONG, Vigorous Plants, ON THEIR OWN ROOTS, each assortment of SIX CAREFULLY PACKED TO BE MAILED AT OUR EXPENSE. FULLY GUARANTEED TRUE TO NAME and description below, and SUPERIOR IN EVERY WAY to ordinary hothouse-grown plants. Read carefully the complete descriptions of each of the SIX ROSES IN THIS COLLECTION. Did you ever hear of anything SO GOOD and SO GENEROUS AS THIS OFFER? Hardy Roses ready to be transplanted in YOUR OWN GARDEN, there to thrive, GROW and BLOSSOM all in their radiant BEAUTY and SCENT.

## CRIMSON RAMBLER

The most beautiful crimson climbing rose ever cultivated and a strong, rapid grower, quickly throwing up canes of great length and sturdiness, which are covered with beautiful, peculiar shining foliage. The flowers are produced in immense clusters, of from thirty to fifty blossoms in each cluster, the color of which is a lovely bright crimson. This rose is valuable for decorative hedges, arches and screens for porches or unsightly places around the home.

## PRESIDENT TAFT

One of the most beautiful and fragrant pink roses ever introduced and unsurpassed as a free flowering variety. It is a strong, vigorous grower and one of the hardiest of all ever-bloomers. The flowers are faultlessly formed, extra large and double as a rose can be. They are an exquisite shade of bright, sparkling pink, covered with a soft, satiny sheen over all the petals, possessing a most delicious distinct fragrance.

## BLUMENSCHMIDT

The best yellow rose for bedding purposes yet introduced, capturing all the premiums and prizes where exhibited. It is fast gaining popularity and well deserves the recognition of all rose lovers. It is a fine variety either for massing or to plant singly, growing very rapidly and producing a strong, clean growth the first season planted. The flowers are of fine formation of thick, leathery petals of a pure citron yellow, the outer ones edged tender rose and are borne in great profusion until killed by the autumn frosts.

## MARIGOLD

The sight of this grand rose never fails to create a desire to possess the flower and a more valuable variety for outdoor planting does not exist. It is a fine upright grower, of free branching habit and as a liberal and continuous bloomer it is unsurpassed, heading the list for size, fragrance and beauty of form of flowers. No description can do justice to the wonderful beauty and splendor of the deep full flowers, which are of a clear saffron yellow, opening canary with dark golden shadings. The buds are large and elegantly formed of large heavy petals, having a most delicious fragrance.

## THE QUEEN

As a rose for all purposes, either for outdoor or pot culture, this beautiful variety heads the list. It is a rapid, vigorous grower with a hardy constitution, and produces flowers in the greatest profusion from early Spring to late Fall. It is a rose of marvelous beauty, totally distinct in its royal magnificence, the large, pure white flowers being made up of enormous shell-like petals.

## BLUE ROSES

This may seem incredible to many as it is the most wonderful color ever seen in a rose. For centuries this has been the aim of professional growers and after years of close application and hard work their hopes are realized, the result, Violet Blue. In habit, it is closely associated with the famous Crimson Rambler, making a quick rapid growth, throwing up, cases of great sturdiness, beautiful foliage with smooth shining foliage. The semi-double flowers are borne in great clusters of a rich violet blue, which are produced so profusely as to completely cover the plant. When seen from a short distance a plant of this variety in full bloom creates a startling effect.

Arrangements for this Grand Rose Distribution have been under way for nearly a year. First we had to guarantee to use a certain tremendous quantity. Then the Rose-Grower made his plans, devoting acre after acre of his Rose-growing lands to nothing but the Six Roses we now offer you. By constant attention and care a most successful crop is the outcome and we are promised larger, stronger and better Rose plants than ever before, and they are centrally grown so that their development in any State or climate is assured. You need not hesitate on this point. The Roses we are to send you are fully developed and will grow. You can't stop it. If you love flowers, you like Roses best. There is nothing so beautiful in the garden, yet no plant is so hardy when properly cultivated from the first. You can through the benefits of this undertaking provide yourself with an immeasurable amount of pleasure from these Roses, and there are probably many friends of yours who would be interested in our offer, or who would be grateful for the roses for a sick room, or their flower-beds.

When you receive your Roses, place them in your flower-bed, if too early place them in pots in the house until weather is pleasant, then put them outdoors, where they will bloom and remain full of blossoms until Autumn. We pack them with the roots placed in wet moss, and guarantee their safe arrival. **SPECIAL FREE HOUSEHOLD ASSORTMENT.** To further the "home beautiful" you should fix up outdoors as well as in. Our present subscribers in good standing may send 25 cents for six months' extension of their own subscription and receive a set of Six Roses free. Send 25 cents for six months' trial subscription to COMFORT and we will forward, at no charge paid, this collection of the Six above described Roses. For only two subscriptions to COMFORT at 25 cents each for 15 months, we will send 12 Roses, a double assortment, two each of the six varieties. We always pack and send at our expense, single, double or orders for larger quantities. Address COMFORT, Augusta, Maine.



# Don't Pay

## Feel It First

You must be sure first by feeling its power in your own body. You must be sure before you say a word or pay a penny. You must know *it is right*, must know *we are right*, must know *you are right*. You can be sure, can feel, see and know, by testing it for twenty-five days *at our risk*. Each day tells its own plain story, a story that has won the hearts of thousands. If you want to get well, here is your chance. Here is your chance to try, *without paying a penny*, a successful treatment which makes health by getting down to the first principles of the body, by following the only method which makes permanent health possible.

Don't pay a penny until you feel its benefits. Don't pay until you feel better all over your body. Don't pay until you feel stronger, more vigorous, eat better, sleep better, are better. Don't pay until your organs act more naturally, your pains are leaving you. Don't pay until you are sure that Bodi-Tone is the RIGHT MEDICINE for you.

This is how Bodi-Tone is being offered to every reader of Comfort: this is how it is making health and saving money for the sick. If you want to stop the use of medicines, if you want to quit the doctors, if you want to stop the strain and drain of continual drugging and dosing, *tone your body and make it healthy with Bodi-Tone*, for healthy bodies need no medicine. The decision is all left to you. You judge for yourself, in your own time, in your own home, and judge it by what it does. It is often possible to judge within a few days, for when Bodi-Tone does its work there is a most remarkable difference between the old and new body. Friends notice it, neighbors remark it and relatives rejoice in it. But Bodi-Tone wants you to take your time, to see, feel and be sure, to know its work is good, to realize it is right, before you pay. Your word decides it. It is all left to you.

## Bodi-Tone

does just what its name means—cures disease by toning all the body, and we want you to try a box at our risk and see what it will do for your body. Bodi-Tone is a small, round tablet, that is taken three times every day. Each box contains seventy-five of these tablets, enough for twenty-five days' use, and we send you the full box without a penny in advance, so that you can try it and learn what it is, so you can learn how it works in the body, how it cures stubborn diseases by helping nature to tone every organ of the body. Tone is a little word, but it means a great deal, everything in health. When all the organs are doing their part, when each is acting in a perfectly natural way, when all the functions are healthy and performed with natural vigor, when the energy, strength and power of resistance to disease are all at a natural point, then the body is in proper tone. When disease has attacked any part, the tone of the entire physical body should be raised to the highest possible point, to make all the body help in the cure. This is the power which underlies all of Bodi-Tone's great work for the sick, this is the power it offers you to help you get new health and new strength, to make you well again.

## Not a Secret

The composition of Bodi-Tone is not a secret. Each ingredient that is used to make this splendid remedy is named and fully described in the Bodi-Tone book, which tells all about Bodi-Tone and is sent free to every Bodi-Tone user. When you use Bodi-Tone you know just what you are using, know it is good and safe and know you are taking the kind of medicine to provide real help for the body. It is a pure remedy that satisfies the most exacting. It contains no narcotics or habit-forming drugs, nothing that your own family doctor will not endorse and say is a good thing. It does not depend on killing pain with opium, cocaine, morphine or other dangerous drugs. It does not excite the body with alcohol, but it tones the body and cures its disorders with remedies which Nature intended to tone and cure the body, or that great power would not have been given them.

Among the ingredients which give Bodi-Tone its great power, are Iron, to give life and energy to the Blood, Sarsaparilla, to purify it, Phosphate, to nourish the Nerves, Lithia, for the Kidneys, Gentian, for the Stomach, Chinese Rhubarb and Oregon Grape Root, for the Liver, Cascara, to restore tone to the Bowels and Intestines, and Peruvian Bark, for the General System.

All the ingredients contained in Bodi-Tone pull together for health, and work like well-trained servants to put health in control of the body. Each ingredient serves to assist, to help, to build upon the others' work. Each adds a needed element from nature to the body. Each has work to do and does it well. They are used because of this ability. We claim no credit for discovering the ingredients in Bodi-Tone, each of which has its own well-deserved place in the medical books of most of the civilized world. We simply claim the credit for the successful formula which we invented, for the way in which these valuable ingredients are combined, for the proportions used, for the curative force which thousands have found in Bodi-Tone, for the cures which make it different from other remedies. Most of these ingredients are as old as civilization itself, for the curative forces which Bodi-Tone uses are the forces which have always existed in nature for the restoration of the body. Many of its ingredients are regularly prescribed by the medical profession for various diseases and irregular conditions, being used either separately or in combinations with such drugs as each doctor may favor, for there are wide differences of opinion among the doctors of various schools. The exact combination used in Bodi-Tone is what makes Bodi-Tone's success in fighting disease, what makes it cure where doctors' treatments have failed. There is no other remedy made from this exact formula, which is Bodi-Tone's own, and which gives Bodi-Tone the curative and restorative power that makes possible the remarkable cures experienced by Bodi-Tone users, cures which prove the difference between Bodi-Tone and common remedies. That is why we want to send you a dollar box of Bodi-Tone on trial, as soon as you write for it, for we know when you try it you will find it different and superior.

## You Need It

If you are tired of ceaseless doctor bills and wearied of continual dosing without results, *you need Bodi-Tone right now*. If your local doctor has done you no real good, if you have given him a chance to do what he can and the ordinary medicinal combinations he used have failed, give this modern, scientific combination of special remedies a chance to show and prove what it can do for you. Its greatest triumphs have been among men and women with chronic ailments who had tried physicians at home and elsewhere without getting permanent benefit, and for this reason all chronic sufferers are invited to try it at our risk.

Bodi-Tone offers its valuable services to you right now, right from this page, if you are sick, if you need medicinal help, if your bodily organs are not acting as they should, if your body is not in right and natural tone. That is what Bodi-Tone is for—to restore health, vigor, vitality and strength by restoring tone to all the body.

If there is anything wrong with your Kidneys, Bodi-Tone helps to restore tone to the Kidneys, helps to set them right. If there is anything wrong with your Stomach, Bodi-Tone helps to tone the Stomach, helps to set the wrong right. If there is anything wrong with your Nerves, your Blood, your Liver, your Bowels or your General System, the health-making ingredients in Bodi-Tone go right to work and keep on working day after day, exerting always a definite action that produces curative results of the kind sufferers appreciate. If you have Rheumatism, Bodi-Tone helps to eliminate the Uric Acid from the system while it restores tone to the Kidneys, Stomach and Blood, thereby preventing a continuance of Rheumatic poison and putting new activity into muscles, nerves and joints. Bodi-Tone should be used by all women suffering from any Female Ailment, for its toning properties have been found especially valuable in such ailments. Bodi-Tone should be used by all persons whose bodies are not up to the full maximum of natural vigor, strength and vitality, for its purpose is to restore the body to its highest plane by making health in every bodily function. Persons whose bodies have been wasted by a previous disease, who have suffered the ravages of LaGrippe, Pneumonia, Typhoid Fever, etc., who worried and fretted at their inability to recover the ground lost by their illness, find that Bodi-Tone supplies just the elements which their bodies have lacked, restoring the vital forces disease has stolen. Men and women who are weak and run down from overwork, worry or causes unknown to them, who feel their reserve force slipping away from them, and are losing their fight against the body's inefficiency, find new life in Bodi-Tone, as hundreds of happy men and women have testified.

## Easy to Get

Why delay another day, when a trial of this proven medicine is yours for the asking. Why keep on suffering, when by clipping the coupon, filling in your name and address and mailing it to us, you can get a twenty-five days' treatment of this great remedy which has already restored thousands to health, which folks everywhere are talking about. It just costs a stamp, and you don't pay a penny unless it benefits you. You take no chances, for the value and curative powers of Bodi-Tone have been amply proven by two years of glorious cures. It is no longer a new remedy, but a remedy with a history—a history of cures that has astonished the doctors and delighted the sick. It has been tested in thousands of cases, covering a great variety of ailments in both men and women and at all ages.

Persons suffering from Rheumatism, Stomach Trouble, Kidney, Liver and Bladder Ailments, Uric Acid Diseases, Female Troubles, Bowel, Blood and Skin Affections, Dropsy, Piles, Catarrh, Anaemia, Sleeplessness, LaGrippe, Pains, General Weakness and Nervous Breakdown, have tested Bodi-Tone and fully proven its great remedial value in such disorders. A quarter-million have used it.

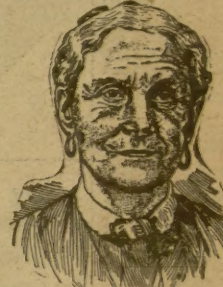
Their experiences have proven beyond a shadow of doubt that the Bodi-Tone plan of toning all the body is a right plan that helps to cure these and other disorders, that it is a real aid to nature. Many who have for years been in poor health and have tried most all of the prominent medicines, have written that one single box of Bodi-Tone did more good than all the others combined. Others who had suffered for many months, and many for years, trying many doctors and specialists, found their first real benefit in Bodi-Tone, after all else had failed and hope was almost gone. It goes to the root in the body and cures because its work is rational and thorough, the only kind that makes cures permanent.

## Does More Than Cure

Bodi-Tone does more than cure the disturbing disease, as hundreds of its cures have testified. Persons whom it has cured of Kidney trouble find something more than relief from pains in the back. Persons cured of Catarrh find much more than the stopping of Catarrhal annoyances. Men and women cured of Nervousness find other benefits than a mere quieting of the nerves. A change is found in the entire body, a better feeling is experienced throughout the whole system. They find they can eat and sleep better, think better and work better, have more life, spirits and energy, because Bodi-Tone has toned the entire body to make the cure. This applies to all Bodi-Tone cures, no matter what the disease, for the principle is the same in all. Bodi-Tone cures conditions which are totally unlike, all in the same way, for the body in health has but one way to act—it goes to all the body and makes it well. It makes up and repays for past sickness with a strong and virile health that is often better than the sufferer knew for a long time before sickness began to trouble. It makes the body right, with its maximum strength, vigor and vitality, which it may not have possessed for years previous, even when in fair health. Bodi-Tone works what seems a miracle by putting tone where tone was needed. Send the coupon today, get a box of Bodi-Tone promptly and try it immediately.

## REPORTS

FRIEDENS, PENNA.—Bodi-Tone has done much for me. I was just all worn out and was not able to walk more than a mile before I was so weak and out of breath. I could get but little solid sleep for years and felt tired in the mornings as if I had done a hard day's work. I tried patent medicines until I was disgusted and doctors' medicines without lasting benefit. I had Catarrh and Throat trouble and my Heart, Liver and Kidneys were all more or less out of tune. When I would lie down to sleep my nerves were all on the go with such an uneasy feeling. When I first saw the big Bodi-Tone advertisement I thought it was simply another patent medicine, but the name was attractive and I read it and sent for it. I am glad that I did, for it is the best medicine that I have ever used. I can sleep like a healthy child, walk, eat and do light work. I am gaining in weight and strength every day. I am past my seventy-third milestone and am now well, cheerful, happy and contented, thanks to God and Bodi-Tone. I am feeling many years younger and am told by my neighbors that I am looking remarkably well.



Mrs. ROSA SPANGLER

COOPER, TEXAS.—I was down with Muscular Rheumatism for nine long weeks and came very near dying. My physician pulled me through, but when I got up out of bed I was so weak that I could hardly do anything. The Rheumatism had left me in such a condition that I was almost a physical wreck. My limbs and body were swollen terribly, and I was so nervous and so weak that I could not stand to do any kind of work, nor did I seem to get any better. At this time I learned about Bodi-Tone and sent for a box to try. The swelling began to leave my body within a short time after I began its use and the nervousness and weakness gradually disappeared. I could ride and plow all day before I had used two boxes, and do all of my night work about the place without feeling the least worried. I feel like a different man since I began to use this remedy and cannot praise it too highly.



W. N. ROGERS

GYPSUM, KANSAS.—When I sent for Bodi-Tone I suffered severely, and could get no relief for two years, even while taking treatment from the doctor. I thought the trouble was in my stomach, but the doctor said my Liver was enlarged. I also had Female Trouble, which was very bad. My doctor said if I did not quit work I would have to have an operation sooner or later. I was so nervous I could not sleep at night and could not settle myself to work at any one thing but a short time. I had no appetite, in fact I was so discouraged that I cared very little whether I lived or died. I was in such misery. I had not taken many more than a dozen doses of Bodi-Tone when my terrible backache all left me and the distressing bloating in my stomach disappeared. After I had been taking Bodi-Tone a little while my troubles all seemed to leave me at once, as if by a miracle. I went to bed and slept like a babe and could work all day and never feel tired. It is a wonderful medicine and so handy to take, always ready. My friends say I look as fresh and young as a girl, which shows how wonderfully Bodi-Tone has helped me.



EFFIE E. DUELLBLISS

## COUPON

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Bodi-Tone Company,  
Hoyle & North Aves., Chicago, Ill.

I have read your offer of a dollar box of Bodi-Tone on 25 days' trial, and ask you to send me a box by return mail, postpaid. I will give it a fair trial and will send you \$1.00 promptly when I am sure it has benefited me. If it does not help me I will not pay one penny and will owe you nothing. Neither I nor any member of my family have ever before used Bodi-Tone.

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